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Howard clamp on asylum seekers

Pilot scheme for seven countries already operating

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent.

The Home Secretary yesterday confirmed his determination to introduce controversial legislation closing the door on refugees from so-called "safe white" countries around the world, while refugee groups claimed he had already begun

Since May this year, asylum seekers from seven named countries have been placed on a "fast track" system, which has enabled decisions to be made in their cases within five days - a process that can take many weeks, if not months. It was introduced with just four days' notice to those refugee agencies and layers representing asylum

Although the Home Office maintained last night that the "short procedure pilot" scheme was designed purely to speed up ternational, and other retire

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the trial scheme -Mina, Nigeria, India, Sr. Lanka, Romania is likely to be put basis through Mr

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the existing asylum process". "Once completed, this rocess will amount to a total bdication of the Government's obligations under internation-

al law," he said.

Labour last night pledged to fight the Bill through Parliament. Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, said: "Michael Howard is playing a cynical race card. He has not made out the case for any new legislation and I cannot see how Britain can maintain its UN obligations, if it proceeds."

But last night there was widespread support from the Tory backbenches, with one former minister frankly admitting the party was playing the race card. Conservative Central Office was said to believe that the last anti-immigration Act played a successful role in the 1992 General Election. The Bill, which will form a major plank of the

hard water, between them-selves and Lasour. Kesterday Mr. Howard in-tested the Bill was armed at weeding out false claimants, and would not penalise genuine refugees fleeing persecution. You will find most European

countries employ a similar form of control," he told BBC Radio 4's World at One programme. We have a real problem in this country. We are seen as a very attractive destination because of the ease with which people can gain access to jobs and benefits. "While the number of asyhum-seekers for the rest of Eu-

rope is falling, the number in this country is increasing. Only a tiny proportion of them are genuine refugees. I want to make sure that genuine refugees get the sanctuary this country has always been proud to provide but I believe that we must take firm action against

bogus asylum-seekers."
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will survive: saymee Bowen, who has spoken publicly for the first time of her fight for the right to be treated against leukaemia Photograph: MMP

Child B tells of anger at NH

Cambridge and Huntingdon

health authority refused to pay

Jaymee says in the interview: "I would have gone to

for further treatment.

REBECCA FOWLER

Jaymee Bowen, the 11-year-old known as Child B, has spoken for the first time of her fight against lenkaemia, after being refused NHS treatment because of the severity of her ill-

Jaymee, who was named for the first time yesterday after the Court of Appeal lifted an order banning the media from revealing her identity, described

spite her family being forced to look for a private donor to fund her £75,000 chemotherapy treatment earlier this year. "I say never give up, unless you are just on the last drop of life you have in you," she says in an interview to be broadcast tonight in a special edition of the BBC Panorama programme. "Never

give up. If you give up, you will just end up with nothing left." The case prompted a na-

court and stood there right in front of them and said, 'No matter what it takes I am going to go through this and I'm going

"I'd rather have gone through more suffering to live than not to go through anything ing. Now look at me, I'm fine.

tional outcry in February when and die. Of course, there are You could have paid for it. You some children who wouldn't do that. But I'm not one of them. She describes how she coped

when her illness returned in January. "I just got called out of assembly and told you've got a bug in your blood," she said. "I'm thinking, oh no, here we go." Jaymee, who is currently in re-

ission, has an angry message for the officials who refused her treatment: "Thank you for noth-

media from revealing her identity was lifted so her family could sell her story to raise money for further treatment.

The fight for life, page 3

had the chance and you blew it."

The court order banning the

Brittan tipped for Nato top job

SARAH HELM

Sir Leon Brittan, the EU Trade Commissioner and former Conservative Cabinet minister, emerged yesterday as a British candidate for the job of Nato Secretary-General.

In a surprise move, John Major revealed that he wanted to propose a "heavyweight" British candidate to contest the job, following the resigna-tion last week of the Belgian, Willy Claes.

The Government is understood to be disappointed with the quality of the two candidates who have come forward so far: Uffe Elleman-Jensen, the former Danish Foreign Minister, and Ruud Lubbers, former Dutch Prime Minister.

Mr Major revealed that Britain was considering fielding a candidate in a telephone conversation yesterday with Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister. No names were discussed.

Nato sources said last night that Sir Leon, regarded by Lon-don as a highly effective EU Commissioner, was now con-sidered the front-runner.

The US administration is insisting that Nato selects a Secretary-General with first-rate diplomatic skills, who can meet the challenge of overseeing the deployment of a massive Nato peace-enforcement force to the former Yugoslavia, and raise standards after Mr Claes.

Douglas Hurd, the former been first choice but has made clear he is not interested. Lord Owen, who recently stepped down as mediator in former Yugoslavia, is believed to be interested, but he is not popular with the US.

Should Sir Leon Brittan move over to Nato, Britain would be placed in the awkward position of selecting a new Commissioner at the EU. That could reopen the split in the party over Europe, with Eurosceptics pressing for someone who would be more extremist than the Europhile Sir Leon.

A Bible for blasphemers

Religious Affairs Correspondent

It had to happen: after the Good News Bible, and the Bible for feminists comes an edition of the Bible for blasphemers. Ken's All True Guide To The Bible, a book to be published in this country next month, contains a memorable selection of God's fruitier words: a guide to genocide from Genesis to Revelation. St Paul's second letter to Tim-

othy claims that "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness". Ken Smith's guide sets out to refute this propositiou. Mr Smith uses various Bible

translations, tested by their fidelity when translating one of

the prophet Ezekiel's more startling images of Israel, which are quoted in the New In-ternational version: "There she lusted after her lovers whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was

Ken Smith can find almost anything in the Bible but brotherly love: Numbers 31 contains an example of the Children of

like that of horses." who has known man by lying with him. But all the young girls

pleased: "Moses said to them, Have you let all the women live? ... Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman

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Israel dealing with some proto-Palestinians. They kill the men, and bring the women and chil-dren back to Moses. He is not ing with him, keep alive for yourselves'." Numbers 31: 15-18. In Joshua, where God makes the Sun stand still all day, Mr Smith points out that this is only done so that the Children of Israel will have a better light to butcher the Amorites by.

As the Bible's understanding of God grows more sophisti-cated, Mr Smith's abuse of its characters becomes more strident. "Isaiah was an egomani-acal crackpot.... "It's hard to read him without thinking of William Shatner doing dramatic readings, bugging out his eyes ... with King Nebuchadnezzar, the Bible finally creates a human character as mentally unstable as God," he writes.

A spokesman for the Church of England said: "We know that the devil can quote scripture: the Bible says so."

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Greenpeace 'war'
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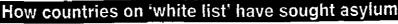
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Mackay of Clashfern, defends his proposals for Page 22 divorce reform. Leading article: "It is hard to see what can stop

Page 22 the spread of long working hours." Weather: Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a rainy day. The bulk of England and Wales will be dry and bright, but there will be rain in the far west.

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General situation: hundreds of pro-democracy activists in prison and at least 50 people were executed without trial by the security forces in 1991. The Ogoni tribe is heavily persecuted for campaigning against western oil companies and environmental depredefant.

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Foreign Office advice to travellers: uncertain and volatile political situation. Harassment by the army and police of travellers and locals prevalent. Armed hops by the army common.



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General situation: At least three prisoners of conscience held in 1994. Reports of torture and ill treatment of prisoners and suspects by police. Tough new penal code introduced last year that further restricts the freedom of year that further restricts the freedom of expression. The new penal code attempts to restrict the dissemination of telse news and the state. Foreign Office advice: increases



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Leukaemia girl:

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Estimates put the figure at

Curbs on asylum-seekers 'already too tight'

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Only 1.100 people were given asylum in this country during the past year - less than 5 per cent of 25,000 who had applied.

Refugee and human rights groups say that those figures alone are more than enough evidence to prove that asylum procedures are already so tight that there is a real risk that genuine refugees could be sent back to persecution, torture or even

The latest proposals, they claim, will effectively wipe out asylum in this country.

While applications for asylum were up by 12,200 for the year ending in June, to 37,900, compared to Germany, for example, the UK does not have a huge immigration and asylum problem. Of more than 300,000 people seeking asylum in Europe in 1984, about one-tenth its success at the 1992 general applied in the UK, compared election – has dramatically cut with nearly 25 per cent in Germany and about 15 per cent in

the Netherlands. The Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 – the last iece of anti-immigration legislation, which the Conservative

It was when three of his wit-

nesses in a case against the Sri

Lankan security services were

abducted and murdered that

Nandakumar finally went into hiding, writes Heather Mills.

already been killed. His female

clerk had been abducted and

raped - and he himself had re-

Through the British High

ceived death threats.

A partner in his law firm had

the number of refugees being allowed to stay in the UK In 1992 it was 20,000. It

dropped to fewer than 5,000 in 1994 and the latest figures available for the year ending in to join them. That leaves a to-June this year totalled 5,800. tal of 19,300 who had their ap-

CASE STUDIES

Commissioner in Colombo, he

managed to obtain a visa, and

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human rights lawyer. He had de-fended many who had been

detained under Sri Lanka's

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per cent, who were not recog-nised as refugees but granted a kind of halfway house - exceptional leave to stay. This enables them to stay but without the benefits allowed refugees such as their families being allowed

had been assisting families to

search for relatives who had

gone missing - believed ab-

ducted by army death squads.

case against the security forces

over the killing of two Sri

Lankans, when three witnesses

were themselves abducted.

killed and their bodies dumped.

He went into hiding, arrived in the UK in 1991 and was grant-

In 1991 he was conducting a

sharp increase on the 11.800 in the previous 12 months.

Nevertheless, the Government is set to clamp down further in new legislation by alleging that bogus refugees and illegal immigrants are claiming millions of pounds in benefit and clogging up the system for those genuinely fice-

ed asylum the following year. Yesterday another refugee

from Sri Lanka, who has been

given asylum and who did not

want to be identified, said:

"You only have to read the news

to see that Sri Lanka is not safe.

There is a curfew in Colombo

and there is complete censor-

ship. You do not have curfews

and censorship in countries

ing persecution. The difficulty is that the Home Office has never actually investigated the scale of the problem, claiming it is too complex and costly to find out exactly how many people are liv-ing here illegally and how of those are claiming benefit. There are anecdotes of some illegal immigrants signing on in

Mr B was arrested at his

home in Nigeria and taken for

questioning by the military po-lice. He claims he was punched,

kicked and whipped. Electric prods were applied to his gen-

itals. For days on end he was starved. His crime had been to

question the military govern-

ment. But he was smuggled out

of the country and into the UK.

Doctors from the Medical

benefits and housing and free services. But equally there is anecdotal evidence that employers in unsocial-hours, lowpay industries such as cleaning and catering are becoming dependent on illegal workers - the only ones who are prepared to take on long hours and poor

Foundation for the Care of

Victims of Torture, who exam-

ined him this summer, have no

doubt that the scars to his body

bear testimony to the abuse he

claims to have suffered. The

man, in his late twenties, is still

suffering panic attacks and

nightmares. He remains fearful

for his family and colleagues. No

decision has yet been made on

his claim for asylum.

anything between 20,000 and up to 1 million from the anti-immigration right. The only thing known for sure is that between 4.000 and 6,000 illegal immigrants are deported every year last year the figure was 5,032. As well as the suggestion that the Government is playing a populist "race card", there is in-Tales of fear, torture and death behind applications for refuge

creasing pressure for more internal checks on immigrants and asylum seekers as our European partners demand that we drop our external passport controls for travellers within the EU. Despite a split in the Cabmet over plans to penalise employers of illegal immigrants, the whole anti-immigration package has more ministerial support than that for a national identi-

Rosemary West: Quest for truth

Police 'bugged safe house for two months'

WILL BENNETT

Police bugged a safe house where Rosemary West stayed before she was charged with murder but she said nothing that incriminated herself, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

An electronic listening device was installed at the house provided by the police for a twomonth period after she was released following initial questioning and before she was charged.

Andrew Chubb, for the prosecution, told the court that Mrs West had not said anything that indicated her involvement in the 10 murders with which she is charged or that she knew the bodies were buried at the West family home in Gloucester. Richard Ferguson QC, for

the defence, questioned Detective Superintendent John Bennett, the officer who led the murder investigation, about the bugging device. He said: "The purpose of the operation was to try to obtain further evidence." Det Supt Bennett replied: "No, sir. It was for the purpose of seeking intelligence to gain

the truth. Mrs West, 41, denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at the Wests' house at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and at their previous bome in the city. Fredcrick West, her husband, who was charged with 12 murders was found dead in his prison cell on

1 January this year. The jury heard yesterday that Mr West had been questioned about the disappearance of Mary Bastholme, 15,

who was last seen in Gloucester in January 1968. Det Supt Bennett said there was no evidence that Mr West had been

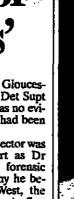
Earlier a slide projector was erected in the court as Dr David Whittaker, a forensic dentist, explained why he be-lieved Charmaine West, the daughter of Mr West's first wife Rena by another man, had died soon after a photograph of her was taken on 29 April 1971.

useful to him because she was smiling and showing her teeth. photo and the skull was that two

after her death and that she had died no more than two to three months after the photograph was taken.

Davis, Charmaine's half-sister, told the court that on the day Mrs West told her Charmaine had gone away with her mother Mr West was still in prison. Prison records show that he was

The prosecution completed its case yesterday after 14 days of evidence and the trial was addefence will begin.



The smiling face of Char-maine, eight, whose remains were found at the Wests' former home at 25 Midland Road, Gloucester, dominated the court room. Mrs West, who is charged with murdering her. watched as Dr Whittaker superimposed a photograph of the girl's skull onto the first picture.

He said that the photograph of Charmaine was particularly The only difference between the

baby teeth were missing.

Dr Whittaker said he believed the teeth had been lost

Last week Anne Marie released on 24 June 1971.

journed until Monday, when the



Batchelor knight: Cliff Richard's fans celebrate outside Buckingham Palace where the singer yesterday received his knighthood Photograph: Edward Webb

Mellor warns of windfall tax on Lottery profits

A warning that the Chancellor made any attempt in his forth-could be contemplating a windfall profits tax on the National Lottery organisers was given yesterday by David Mellor, the former Secretary of State for National Heritage, writes Col-

Mr Mellor told Kenneth Clarke that he would score a

tax on the profits of Camelot, which are reputed to be £1m a week. He revealed in a Commons debate on the lottery that the Treasury had wanted the 12 per cent lottery tax to be higher. It was raising £500m a year, plus corporation tax, but Mr Mellor said senior Treasury

figures still felt bruised by their will announce on Monday new defeat. "It is a nice little earn-awards from lottery funds to er for our Ken," said Mr Mellor. "Anyone with the temptation to get a higher tax take in the coming Budget must think again. In the history of ular own goals, it would ed a chapter all of its own."

of State for National Heritage,

Virginia Bottomley, Secretary

young people who are promising in sport, the arts, and science. The millennium bursaries echoed a proposal by Labour for some of the money to be

channelled into a "talent fund". She strongly defended the National Lottery against the

big jackpot pay-outs.
Jack Cunningham, Labour's national beritage spokesman, artacked the "ex being made by Camelot. Mr Cunningham also made it clear that a Labour government would cut their profits on com-

ing into office

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IN BRIEF

Railtrack forced to print new timetable

The fiasco over the error-ridden national timetable has forced Railtrack to publish an entirely new edition, for the first time ever, at a cost of more than £100,000. Railtrack, which took over publication this year, will also consolidate the existing two amendments and new information and publish one joint supplement in November. The new January timetable edition will be issued instead of the usual new year supplement.

Mother killed child

A mother was yesterday convicted at Nottingham Crown Court of killing her four-yearold daughter by poisoning her in September 1986. The jury retired for the night after failing to reach a verdict on a charge against Celia Beckett, 34, of Newark, of poisoning another daughter, Debbie, now six.

Coach crash charge Stephen Brown, the driver of a coach in which 13 pensioners died when it crashed on the M4 last May, faces a charge of caus-ing death by dangerous driving, an inquest in Bristol was told. The hearing was adjourned.

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Hodgkin's disease.

Leukaemia girl: Family allowed to sell story to pay for treatment after judge overturns restrictions on naming of Child B The 11-year-old winning her fight for life

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REBECCA FOWLER

The courageous battle of Jaymee Bowen, the 11-year-old girl known as Child B, who was denied treatment for leukaemia by her local health authority, unfolded for the first time yesterday as her father attempted to raise further money for ber treatment.

David Bowen won permission to reveal his daughter's identity and her struggle against the illness from three Court of Appeal judges. They reluctantly lifted a court order banning the media from naming her earlier this year so she could sell her story to the press.

When it was revealed that Jaymee had been refused further treatment for a fatal form of leukaemia in March, she became known to the world as Child B. Her case prompted outrage over how the medical profession decided when to stop treating patients.

Sir Thomas Bingham Master of the Rolls, who presided over the case vesterday, said: "I greatly regret the necessity to exploit the medical problems of this child for purposes of financial gain."
However, he recognised that

a £23,000 deal with the Daily Mirror could prove vital to Jaymee, who is currently in remission. "I don't think the maintenance of reporting restrictions can be justified if the consequence were the denial of treatment which might be therapeutic and life-saving," he

Jaymee was refused further treatment for her illness earlier this year by Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Authority. The Bowens were told the £75,000 cost would not be justified, as her chances of survival were so slim.

The decision followed a fiveyear struggle by Jaymee to overcome the illness. She was first diagnosed as suffering from cancer in 1990. After an intensive course of chemotherapy at Addenbrooke's Hospital, ambridge, she was thought to be clear of the disease.

But in December 1993 Jaymee was found to have acute myeloid leukaemia. The following year Charlotte, her sisplant at the Royal Marsden



Lust for life: Jaymee Bowen, Child B, undergoing treatment. She was refused an NHS bed in March because she had only a 2.5 per cent of survival

As a celebratory Christmas trip Jaymee travelled to Disneyland in the United States with her father and sister in

1994. However, the Bowens were devastated at the beginning of this year when a routine blood test showed that the leukaemia had returned. Jaymee prepared to resume ter, acted as a donor in a her tenacious fight against the ase, but Cambridge Health

second hone marrow transplant. Doctors justified their decision by saying that she had only a 2.5 per cent chance of sur-

When Jaymee appealed a High Court judge ruled that the authority's decision "assaulted her fundamental right to life" and she should be treated. But the authority appealed against

The outcry surrounding the plight of Child B, as she was named, prompted an anonymous donor to give Jaymee £75.000 towards her treatment.

and she was admitted to the pri-

vate Portland Hospital in London in March. Dr Peter Gravett, the coniltant in Charge of her treat-eat, declared Jaymee clear of and she still had only a 10 per cent chance of complete re-

But in August Jaymee cele brated her 11th birthday, lifting her survival chances to between 20 per cent and 30 per cent. Her fight had proved so successful, the National Health Service agreed to fund part of her care

and donors, praised his daughter's spirit.

"If there was ever a child who scored well on what she's gone through and what she's done. her response to drugs, and her zest and appetite for life, this is the child," he said. The NHS decision to suspend

funding of her treatment earlier this year was widely mined to raise the rest of the Labour MP for Wythenshawe,

"inhumanity" in trying to play

"This child's story is the sharpest possible condemnation of allowing money to de-cide who lives and who dies," he said. "She was left waiting to die by official decision. But for her father's determination to fight for her life, she would now be

Jaymee was defended yesterday

luguet 1992: After intensive chemotherapy at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, the disease is pronounced cleared. December 1993: Acute myeloid leukaemia diag-March 1994: Jaymee has bone marrow transplant, with sister Charlotte as lanuary 1995: Routine blood test shows leukaemia has developed again. Doctoes give her six to eight eks to live. 27 February 1995: Cambridge Health Authority refuses further treatment, ying it is unfair to Jayme when she has only 2.5 per cent chance of recovery. 10 March 1995: High Court judge rules that health authority refusal to pay for further treatment saulted her fundamental right to life". Authority anpeals and Court of Appeal overtums decision. **13 March 1995:** Jaymee is admitted to a private hospital after an anonymous donor provides £75.000 for treatment. 14 May 1995; Jaymee pronounced clear of disease but specialist says remission is likely to be short term. August 1995: Still in remission, survival prospects said to be up from 10 per cent to 20-30 per cent. 24 September 1995: It is

ecutive of the Cambridge and Huntingdon Healthy Authori-

announced that part of

funded by the NHS.

Jaymee's care is now being

"We took a great deal of medical advice on this particu-lar case," he said. "All of the doctors concerned with her treatment were in agreement and in that sense all supported the decision we took ... People who live in our area need not

Police forces accused of poor violent crime detection rates

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent.

Four police forces were warned yesterday about their poor performances in dealing with violent crimes, by the Government's independent inspector of

The forces considered least effective in dealing with all forms of violent crime were Merseyside, Metropolitan Po-lice, West Midlands and Greater Manchester. The annual report of the

Chief Inspector of Constabulary also suggested that some forces in England and Wales had very low standards for the time taken to answering 999 calls. There was also a wide difference in the level of public satisfaction with foot and mobile patrols, which varied from about 30 per cent to nearly two thirds.

This was the first time the

Chief Inspector of Constabulary, which assesses the effectiveness and efficiency of all 43 . tor, of Constabulary, said of forces in England and Wales, where four forces: "They need to has published performance look very carefully at their indicators. The report, which performance." Dyfed-Powys in

CHARLES ARTHUR

Technology Correspondent

The London branch of the

advertising agency J. Walter Thompson is considering suing

British Telecom, after phone hackers exploited flaws in a switchboard sold by BT to make

£60,000 worth of free calls in

four days.

Managers at the agency also

say they may club together in

any lawsuit against BT with

other companies whose switch-

boards have been broken into

"BT failed to support us to the level that they should. They

didn't provide the means or the

training to protect us against this fraud," said Alison Sander-

son, commercial director at

JWI's London office. Janet

McMillan, the company's tech-nical director, added: "The fea-

tures that the hackers used to



covers the 15 months ending in March 1995, stressed however the difficulty in comparing forces because of the statistical analysis used and the huge differences between the forces.

All four police forces pin-pointed by the performance indicators have high levels of reported crime but low levels of detection. Merseyside came in at the bottom, with about 110 violent orimes detected for every 100 officers, compared to the average of 181. Trefor Morris, Chief Inspec-

get through our system are the

same ones that BT put forward

Earlier this month, the

Independent revealed that

phone hackers have for years

used well-known flaws in the

voicemail systems of the Merid-

ian switchboard to make calls

lasting hours, directed all over

the world. They dial into the

company after hours, often on

freephone lines, and repro-

gramme unanswered extensions

remotely to dial external num-

bers. The calls are thus charged

Meridian systems in the UK

since 1991, but only began to re-alise the extent of the hackers'

activities late last year. In Jan-

vary an internal BT memo told

staff "not [to] discuss the vari-ous means by which fraud can

be made - this will only serve

to alarm the customer further".

to the switchboard's owner. BT has sold more than 5,000

as a selling point."

Wales came top in the study, followed by Wiltshire. Suffolk and Gwent were joint third and North Wales was fifth.

The Inspectorate of Constabulary stressed that this was a crude method of assessing how effective a force is in dealing with violent crime. Other factors involved include the make up of the force's area whether it is rural or urban - and what types of violent crime are more common.

Mr Morris defended the use of performance indicators, saying that they provided a powerful incentive for forces to improve their efficiency, and made chief constables more accountable. His report said that nationally the detection rate for violent crime was high, at 76 per cent, but that individual forces' rates varied between 48 per cent to nearly 100 per cent.

Ms McMillan discovered in

May that criminal hackers

based in New York were dialling through JWT's Meridian

switchboard to make calls. They reprogrammed extensions to

dial numbers in China, Yemen

and Syria.
JWT was an essential link in

the hackers' chain because they

were making the calls using tele-phone card numbers stolen

from the phone company AT&T These do not allow di-

rect calls to developing coun-

tries. They needed to dial through another exchange to get

out, and we were the interme-

diate," said Ms McMillan. "The

calls lasted hours. It's big busi-

ness, a multi-million pound

fraud, not some teenager m an

anorak sitting in his bedroom."

Ms McMillan disabled the facilities which made the hacking

possible. But she said that re-

duces the usefulness of the

In criticising the target times set by some police forces to answer 999 calls, Mr Morris said: "There are some that seem far too lax and easy to reach". The South Yorkshire force plans to respond in 30 seconds - a tar-

get it meets in about 87 per cent of cases. This compares with the Gwent force which meets its response target of six seconds in almost every case. South Yorkshire's neighbouring force, West Yorkshire, has a bench-mark of five seconds. Setting universal targets for indicators such as 999 calls is one idea among several currently being considered by chief constables.

The report also reveals that despite repeated Government claims that the number of police officers has increased, it has in fact declined. In March 1995 there were 127,222 officers compared to a high of 128,045 in 1992. The Home Office argues that the numbers of civilians attached to the force has increased to about 50,000 which frees officers for other duties.

Mr Morris said that the gap between public demand and police resources was continuing to grow, and that while resources had risen by 8 per cent, the number of 999 calls that needed police action had gone up by 15 per cent to six million a year.

switchboard: "It's just like a big,

expensive answering machine."

Anecdotal evidence suggests

that phone hacking is growing

rapidly in Britain, and probably

costs British businesses mil-

lions of pounds annually. At

least three British-based com-

panies have lodged complaints

with the telecommunications

regulator, Oftel, about their

The Independent has also learnt of a number of other vic-

tims of such hacking, including a school and a hospital, which

hackers used to make £40,000

of fraudulent calls in one week.

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cally to Meridian owners, which

it said "covers the main vul-

nerable areas and how to guard

against hackers". But Ms

McMillan said: It was next to

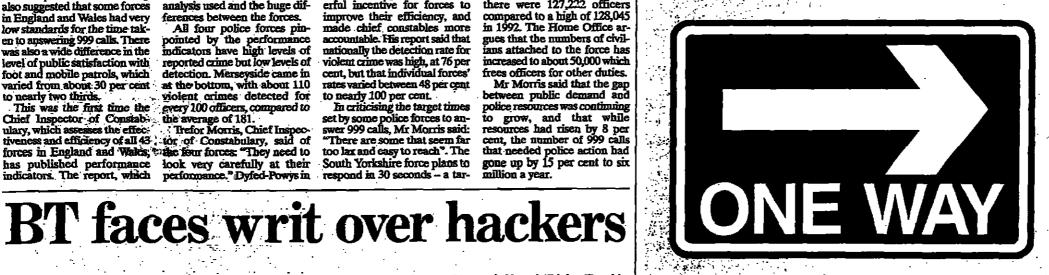
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Industrial epidemic: The growing pressure on office staff is damaging performance at work as well as their family life, says report

Long hours culture hitting productivity

Britain is facing a new industrial epidemic. Office staff are working longer hours, but produc-

tivity is falling. Family life is also under threat from increased stress at work, with women coming off worse. Nearly three times as many women as men in white and spend increasing time with collar work are divorced or

In a new report, The Family Friendly Workplace, Britain's increasing "long hours culture" is also shown to be seriously affeeting employees' health and their standard of work.

The survey of more than 1.350 white-collar employees. published by recruitment and communications organisation Austin Knight, indicates that long hours are becoming the norm for British workers. Twothirds worked 40 hours or more per week and a quarter worked

saying they worked 40 hours or rie Clement. more compared with 56 per cent of women. More than a third (37 per cent) of men worked 50 hours or more compared with 13 per cent of women.

More than half of all whitecollar workers felt that "long hours culture" was a firm feature of their workplace, while

sure from bosses to work longer hours than contracted.

According to Anne Riley, UK chief executive of Austin Knight, the findings give the lie to the idea of the "leisure generation", a new breed of workets who would "telework" from their families.

Ms Riley said: "People are working in leaner organisations and the recession has made employers and employees quite nervous. There is a lot more job insecurity and workers need to be seen to be doing whatever

Staff face 'climate of fear'

Many big British companies have created a "climate of fear" for employees with high rewards in the boardroom and dispens-50 hours or more.

More work longer hours than women, with 81 per cent of men sational structure, writes Bar-

> Addressing the annual conference of the Institute of Personnel Development yesterday, Professor Amin Rajan said in 1993, big companies were talk-ing about moving away from paternalism and bureaucracy towards democratic structures with a slimmed-down hierarchy

with an emphasis on "empow-

erment", individual perfor-

the longest hours of all. Among

senior staff, 45 per cent of men

productivity, the "epidemic" is costing British industry mil-

lions as employees are physically

(76 per cent) said that continually working long hours af-fected them physically. Latest figures from the Confederation

of British Industry show that, on

average, almost eight working

days per worker were lost due

More than three quarters

affected and take sick leave.

worked 50 hours or more. Instead of resulting in better

mance and "employability". But by mid-1995, leading firms were largely unchanged. Where there was change, "the cure was worse than the disease, the workforce was demotivated. effort was more important than performance and there was a climate of fear.

"Organisational structures were becoming oligarchic not democratic: employability meant security and high redispensability for the rest."

Far from sitting back and driving their employees ever harder, those in management worked tor workers lose almost 10 days a year on average, compared to almost seven days in manufac-

It is not just employees' health that suffers. More than half of all white-collar workers said their personal life was damaged as a result of working long bours.

Women felt their partners were less likely to understand the need for them to stay late. They were also more inclined to believe that it was impossible to reer and family life.

More men than women considered that their work performance suffered as their hours grew longer. Half of all men. compared with 42 per cent of women took this view.

Surprisingly, employers also believe performance is hit by long hours. Around 90 per cent described the "long hours culture" as a problem, because of reduced performance and lowered morale. "I think that's one of the most

encouraging things to come out of the survey," said Ms Ri-

ley.
"They're not just being altruistic about the whole thing. Employers should have more flexible policies to enable employees to work at their best. It esn't mean that they will be



Two incomes, one child, no time

CLARE GARNER

Neither Mark Wasilewski, 35, nor his wife, Ghislaine Daubeney, 32, consider themselves workaholics. They just love their jobs. Between them they work an average of 100 hours a week and earn a six figure salary. Lunch breaks don't

figure but working dinners do. When a seven-month-old baby is added to the equation, the couple insists it all adds up -

"It's a fine balancing act at the end of the day. It's about being able to juggle all the balls and not let any of them fall on the ground," said Ms Daubeney, a research analyst who returned to work in Angust after taking maternity leave.
"Officially I didn't have to

come back till the middle of October, but I came back early. I missed the mental challenge and the timing felt right," she said. Ms Daubeney hands her daughter. Gabriella, over to meetings in the evenings kick in

the nanny when she leaves home in Harpenden, Hert- I don't get home until 10.30pm fordshire, at 7.30am and whisks or 11pm. I've just had three days herself away from the West End in time to relieve her at 6.30pm. Between those hours, Ms Daubeney works as part of a team of seven for a world-leading US investment consultancy which advises on assets of more than US\$500bn.

"One of the hardest problems s guilt. For example, in the past used to leave the office beween 6.30pm and 7.00pm. Now I feel incredibly guilty leaving at 5.30pm to get back for the nanny. There's no guilt placed upon me at work but I think it's an issue a lot of women feel." Even though Ms Daubeney

endeavours to check out at 5.30pm, her time sheet makes exhausting reading. When she is travelling - once a month to Frankfurt, Brussels, Paris or Edinburgh - she tots up 40 hours' work in just four days. In a normal five-day week she

works up to 45 hours, not including the five hours she spends working on the train, to and from the office.

"It would be wrong to say I don't take work home. I always hope to pinch a quiet hour here and there to lock myself away to work quietly. You don't switch off. You'd like to but you probably don't. It's a job where you could work 24 hours a day seven days a week."

Mr Wasilewski joined his

present company, a fund management company, in April 1994, to be responsible for a 21strong UK Equity team. On average be works about 60 hours a week, generally between 8am and 8pm, but sometimes longer. "When the dinners and client

in two successive weeks of that. It works out at 42 hours in three days," said Mr Wasilewski.
"If there is a special project on, the hours are just silly. I can work 14 hours a day, seven days

a week for the best part of six "When I came I knew it was going to be quite an intense penod of work because the job was a rebuilding exercise. I do consider them long hours but I also

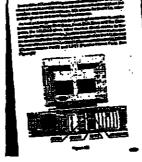
consider them temporary Since Gabriella arrived, Mr Wasilewski has tried to get home earlier. He is hoping to establish a week of between 50 and 55 hours as the norm.

"Gabriella doesn't go to bed early so I get to see her in the evenings. Sometimes if I've had a hard day I'm exhausted but Gabriella is a joy of a baby, a form of relaxation and such a change from work."

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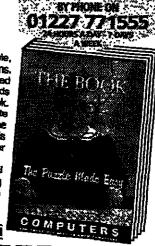
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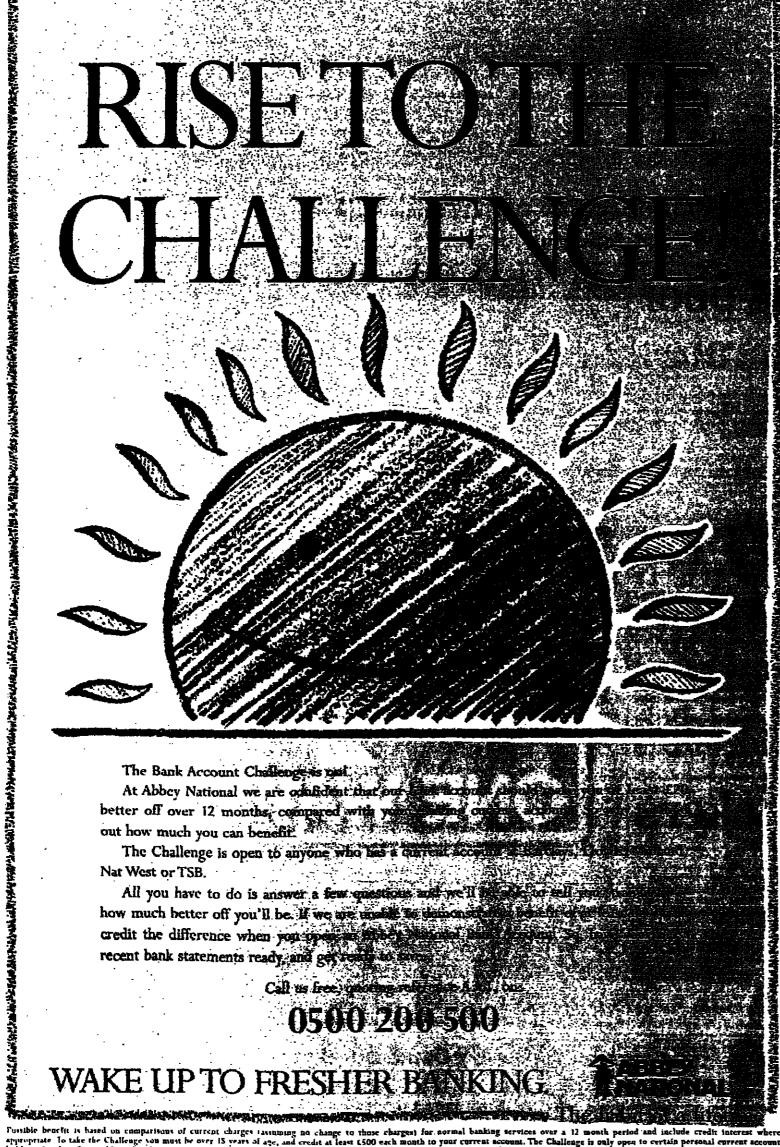
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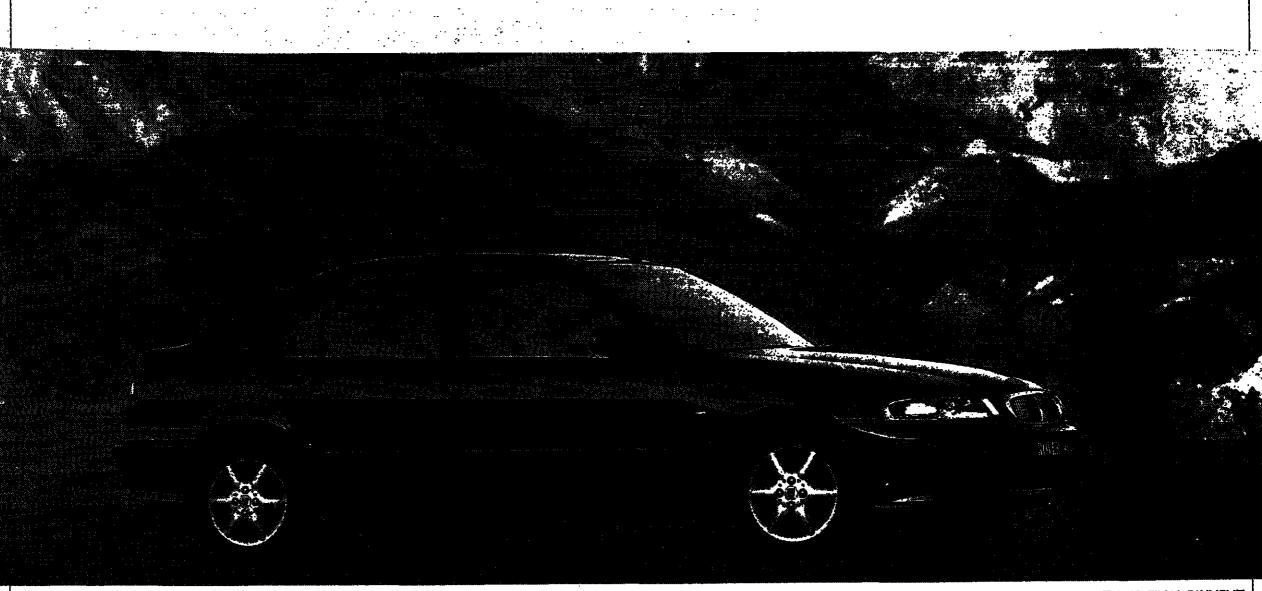


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New chapter looms for feminist publisher



The future of Virago, the publishing house founded 22 years ago by women for women, looked in doubt yesterday as spec-ulation grew that it may be sold to a mainstream competitor.

Publishing heavyweights such as Random House and Bloomsbury are rumoured to be circling, although Lennie Goodings, Virago's publishing director, refused to comment on any possible sale. Ms Goodings also declined to discuss reports that she resigned last week.

At the root of the problem is the suggestion that Virago is struggling to compete in the prolonged book-trade recession. There are also understood to be internal disputes over the decision by the publishing house, for so long a champion of feminism, to publish male authors. A senior Virago source yesterday confirmed that the current uncertainty would be resolved within two to three weeks, although she refused to provide details.



Aaya Angelou: She is perhaps the best known of Virago's more recent discoveries. She has been spoken of as America's unofficial Poet Laureate. and was invited by President Bill Clinton to speak at his inauguration. Virago first published her autobiography, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, in 1984.

wave of feminist fervour by Carmen Callil, Rosie Boycott and Ursula Owen in June 1973. Their mission was to help women gain their place at the



Edith Wharton: She was re-discovered by Virago. The re-naissance of interest in her work has seen an Oscar-winning film adaptation of her book, The Age of innocence, first published in 1920. Also adapted, and listed among 15 Wharton novels published by Virago, was her 1911 novel Ethan Frome.

both writing and publishing. Every early Virago book carried a statement of intent on its frontspiece: "Virago is a feminist publishing house." Rosamond Lehr There then followed a list of Sackville-West.

the Virago advisory group, which included Germaine Greer and the Spare Rib Collective, and a call to arms by Sheila Rowbotham which read: "It is only when women start to organise in large numbers that we become a political force, and move towards the possibility of a truly democratic society."

As well as promoting the careers of writers such as current Booker Prize nominee Pat ing recession has also eaten into than at male lite. Barker, Maya Angelou and the early idealism. Booksellers male separately.



Pat Barker: She won the Guardian Fiction Prize in 1993 with The Eye In the Door, and this year The Ghost Road is Booker Prize-shortlisted. Although she has since moved to Penguin, she began her career at Virago where her earliest work won critical acclaim, most notably Union Road.

Margaret Atwood, the compa-ny is also credited with reviving

the reputations of the likes of

Edith Wharton, Willa Cather,

Rosamond Lehmann and Vita

While Atwood and Angelou have chosen to stay with the

publisher that discovered and

nurtured them, Virago has had

problems in holding on to a

large stable of contemporary

writers. Many have elected to leave for larger, wealthier hous-

es - Angela Carter to Chatto and Windus, and Shena Mack-

ay to Heinemann, for example. The grim reality of the publis-



and novelist began her career at Virago in 1979 and has been one of the publishing house's books include Life Before Man, Bluebeard's Egg and Other Stories, Wilderness Tips, and Murder in the Dark.

Compiled by Ben Summe

halved orders from Virago's backlist of 700 titles, and last year the company sacked long

from 90 to 70, and reorganised. Nina Bawden, who has 12 ti-tles published by Virago, said yesterday: "It would be sad if it was sold, because it's one of the few small, independent publishers that has succeeded in establishing a clear brand image."

Fay Weldon took a different view. "The need now for a separate women's publisher has gone. I think it's a sign of their achievement that we can now look at all literature, rather than at male literature and fe-

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Maxwell 'capable of sudden generosity'

IOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Kevin Maxwell agreed with a bank's description of his father as "unpredictable and incon-sistent", but told the Old Bailey that Robert Maxwell could also be capable of acts of spontaneous generosity.

In answer to his counsel. Alun Jones QC, Kevin Maxwell agreed with Lloyds Bank's asessment of his father. This was why the bank, in an internal memo, said it wanted to reduce its exposure to the group. Kevin told the jury his father was capable of very substantial changes of direction and strat-

egy without warning". Kevin, in his eighth day in the witness box during the be a kindly employer.
marathon Maxwell trial, said as
Kevin described his "kind an example that by the Eighties, his father had built up one of the largest printing empires in the world.

Suddenly he decided to switch directions and go into publishing, with the acquisi-



tion of the Mirror Group. "One thing that remained con-stant with him was his interest in the media," said Kevin. "It remained a life-long interest."

Kevin, who had told how his father had bullied him into telling lies to a bank, yesterday said Robert Maxwell could also

and spontaneous" action in defraud the pension fund by taking the two young sons of misusing £22m worth of shares. Lloyds executive Johnny Armstrong up on to the roof of the Mirror headquarters to see his helicopter. In a condolence letter to the Maxwell brothers, Mr

boys a lifelong memory.

The court was also told that

Robert Maxwell had sent champagne to an employee who had just obtained a professional qualification, as well as phonng to congratulate him.

Kevin spent most of yesterday's session describing crisis talks with Lloyds bank, one of the Maxwell group's main bankers, in the wake of his father's disappearance in November 1991. Within hours of his father's mysterious death, Kevin Maxwell feared banks would cause problems by "running to the hills" and demand-

ing their money back. Kevin Maxwell, his brother, Ian, and former Maxwell financial adviser, Larry Trachtenberg, deny conspiracy to Kevin Maxwell alone denies a similar charge of conspiring with his father to misuse £100m worth of shares.

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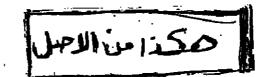
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FRAN ABRAMS

Education Correspondent

A group of leading Conservative councillors have joined forces to oppose the government's nursery voucher scheme. They have told the Education Secretary that the plan will lead to lower standards in nursery schools.

The use of vouchers will also penalise those councils which currently spend the most on nursery education, they said in a letter sent to Gillian Shephard earlier this month.

As speakers from all political parties addressed a rally at Westminster yesterday to protest against the vouchers. Conservative opposition to the plans appeared to be growing.

Under the scheme, parents of four-year-olds would apply for vouchers worth £1,100 which they would cash in for part-time

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nursery school, a private school, or a pre-school playgroup. The vouchers cover only about half the cost of a place at nursery

But with most local authori-

ties now controlled by Labour or the Liberal Democrats, some Conservative councillors fear the scheme could be used as a powerful political weapon against them if it affects standards or leads to financial penalties against some councils. The letter to Mrs Shephard was drafted at a meeting in Sep-tember by Conservative edu-

cation spokespeople from Solihull, Coventry, Kirklees, Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcester, Waltham Forest, Derbyshire and Dudley. The ough, stands to lose 90 per councillors say they are supcouncillors say they are supported by their counterparts in

Under the voucher scheme, the letter says, the quality of spokeswoman for Kirklees, education in nursery schools said: "In our opinion it seems

could slip below the minimum acceptable standard. "We doubt [quality] will be provided or en-forced with only a light-touch inspection," it says.

The protesters add that while museries attached to schools are rigorously inspected, checks on private schools and playgroups would be far fewer. The councillors say it is unfair that the councils which spend most on nursery education should be the which will claw back money from local authorities and redistribute it as vouchers.

The unofficial lobbying group is led by Geoffrey Wright, Conservative education chairman in Solihull which, as a borreceives in grants for early ran. Conservative education

to be the wrong way round. We should be helping those who have helped themselves."

Mrs. Shephard has not yet

replied to the letter, though at a meeting with authorities carlier this week she hinted that the details of the scheme could

still be changed if necessary. Yesterday's lobby of Parlia-ment heard that shortages of teachers could also threaten the voucher scheme. Labour's Blunkett, released figures showing that there had been an 18per-cent reduction in trained early-years and primary-school teachers between 1992 and 1994 despite a rise in the number of vounger pupils.

These figures show the lies behind the Government's rhetoric," Mr Blunkett said. "Clearly no provision has been made for the expansion of mursery education through the



Pity the poor nursery voucher. Even in the turbulent and fastchanging world of education there can have been few policies with so few friends.

The opposition parties are against it, the nursery education lobby is against it, many private nurseries are against it. Rumour has it that even the Secretary of State for Education is not keen. And now a growing number of local authority Tories are adding

to the chorus of disapproval. No sooner had the idea been promoted as a means of delivering John Major's pledge to work towards pre-school places for all than it began to attract powerful enemies.

Mrs Shephard objected to the scheme on the grounds that it would be unwieldy and bureaucratic. In April this year, she said vouchers were "not the preferred option", backing instead a system under which local authorities and private agencies would bid to provide places. But

Chancellor had forced her to back down. "Purchasing power in the hands of parents will stimulate a real market in the supply of places that parents want," she said as the plan for vouchers was announced.

vouchers is that they are expensive because they subsidise parents who are already paying for private nursery provision. Most of the cost will be clawed back from local authorities which will then have to compete with the private providers to win it back again:

Not surprisingly, Conserva-tive as well as Labour and Liberal Democrat authorities have objected, and only three - Westminster, Wandsworth and

Kensington and Chelses – have signed up for a pilot project. Those authorities which cur-

gain have reservations. A preliminary survey by the Inde-pendent Schools' Joint Committee on Assisted Places revealed that only one in three private-sector heads in favour.

Susan Hay, managing director of Nurseryworks Ltd, which owns and runs five London nurseries, has said that the fi-The main problem with nancial risk involved in setting up new schools will deter all but the bravest entrepreneurs. She points out that the voucher does not contribute at all to building costs.

The playgroups, now re-named the Pre-School Learning Alliance, threatened to pull out of the scheme because they were told they could only redeem their vouchers for £550 each. When ministers backed down, adding an extra £100m to the total £700m cost, the alliance still had objections de-ing from the strength of posi-tions within the Cabinet. cash that vouchers will bring to

But even some who stand to create unwelcome competition and would not provide for adequate teacher training.

The nursery lobby is also concerned about teacher training and says the quality of nursery schools could be affected if rigorous standards are not applied. Sir Christopher Ball, director of learning at the Royal Society of Arts, has objected because the scheme only caters for four year-olds, making it likely that schools which currently offer places to three year-olds will cease to do so.

The scheme does, of course, have some powerful supporters - attracted by its competitive edge and the fact that it will take funds away from local authorities, only a handful of which are Tory-controlled-but two of its strongest advocates, John Redwood and Jonathan Aitken, can no longer offer their back-

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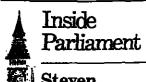
■ National Heritage Secretary rejects criticisms by the churches ■ Cunningham attacks Camelot's 'licence to print money'

Bottomley rules out change to lottery

Tirginia Bottomley yes-terday set herself against any of the changes to the Lottery mooted by the churches and others concerned at its effect on the national psyche and the £1m a week profits of

its operators.

The National Lottery "truly is the Dream Machine", the



Steven Goodwin

Heritage Secretary effused in the Commons. She plays it as a member of a family syndicate. she basks in the glow of its awards to charities and, to judge by her performance in the Labour-initiated debate, she believes it a first-rate political

weapon.
"Labour's line on the lottery is simple - snuff out success. punish profit and cheat the good causes of the deal they de-

The rhetoric was unchanged from her years as health secretary and so was her tactic of bombarding the House with

The National Lottery had changed the face of funding in the arts, sport and heritage, she insisted. More than £586m had already been awarded to 2,111 projects and over the next seven years the total contribution to good causes was expected to be over £9bn.

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Ridiculing the notion that huge prizes had brought misery to the winners, Mrs Bottomley said that out of about 280 wins, only 18 had been for more than £5m and many jackpots were shared by syndicates of up to 20 people.

How many of those 18 have been made miserable by the experience we do not know. We can guess that there are many more people willing to change places with them."

Rejecting Labour's call for the lottery to be run a "not-for-profit" basis when Camelor's seven-year contract runs out, she quoted the Lottery regulator's observation that more would have been kept in costs by Richard Branson's "run it for free" founda-

As for capping the jackpot at £1m, proposed by the church-



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I am well used to dealing with

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Camelot had been given one li-

cence to print tickets and an-

other to "print money". And he maintained the 1993 legisla-

tion setting up the Lottery gave

Mrs Bottomley power to vary

the company's take without

waiting for the end of its con-

Brushing aside Tory claims

Mr Cunningham said

too frequent recently."

es and the Liberal Democrats conference. Mrs Bottomley said that in the weeks when the jackpot had rolled-over, sales had increased by 10-20 per cent. "Capping the prizes and cutting the fun is the route to equal disribution of very little."

Tory backbencher John Sykes, MP for Scarborough, urged her to "ignore the sanctimonious claptrap" from the If fortune did not exactly

shine on Mrs Bottomley in last July's Cabinet shuffle, her new opposite number, Jack Cunigham, has had even less

net last week. Mr Cunningham that Camelot had taken a comgraciously accepted the Secremercial risk, he said it was "a tary of State's tongue-in-cheek one-way bet in a one-horse commiserations. "As a life-long

> excessive profits, except perhaps Camelot in private, he said. Mr Cunningham said he en-joyed playing the lottery himself. People bought tickets because they hoped they would win, but

No one had envisaged such

second they hoped that major-ity of what was left would go to "Labour in office will ensure that when a new contract is due, it must be on a not-for-profit basis, thus releasing many more illions for the arts."

Mr Cunningham proposed

the establishment of a "Talent Fund" to help young athletes, musicians, artists, inventors and designers who at present strugso far plus corporation tax on gled on alone or with just

parental help. It was one of the few areas where Mrs Bottomley was quick to acknowledge the merits of a Labour idea.

avid Mellor, former heritage secretary and a self-proclaimed architect of the lottery, warned the Government not to increase the amount of tax taken. Currently, the Treasury skims off 12 per cent from the lottery, but Mr Mellor said it originally had on its own."

"ambitions" for more. The lottery was already "a nice little earner for our Ken". he said - an estimated £500m

Camelot's profits. But he went on: "One gathers there are senior figures in the Treasury who still bear the bruises of what they regard as a defeat in failing to get a tax rate that was higher.

"And if anyone should have it in contemplation to introduce a higher tax rate in the forthcoming Budget, I really must urge them to think again.
"In the history of own goals, that would merit a chapter all

Labour imposes shortlists

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Labour's National Executive Committee yesterday set a course for achieving a record 90 women MPs at the next election after resolving to impose all-women shortlists for parliamentary selections in seven

The move brings to a close the operation in England and Wales of the controversial quota system reserving for wom half of all winnable marginals, and of safe seats where a Labour MP is retiring.

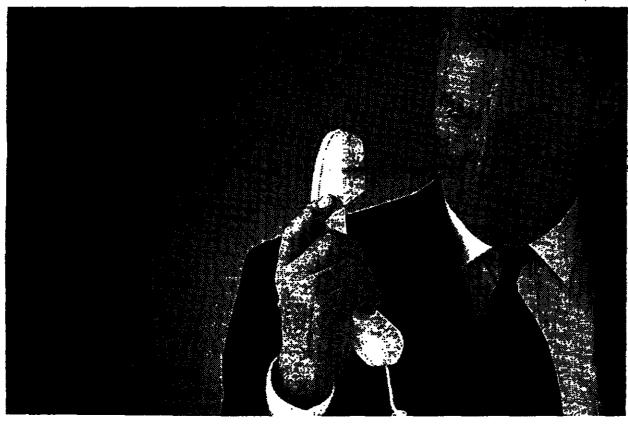
Labour's north-west region will be expected to select five key marginals and one safe scat for women-only lists in the next few weeks. Members of the national executive felt that there was no option but to impose the lists in the face of determined resistance from activists.

One list will also be imposed in the London region but a timetable has yet to be set. The party said about 50 women would fight in safe or winnable seats in addition to the 40 al-

ready sitting as MPs.

The NEC has signalled its determination to fulfil the quota in all regions by imposing all-female lists in Gravesham, Slough and Great Yarmouth. The North-western had proved particularly intractable in their resistance. Six sitting MPs are standing down and there are 12 marginals, requiring three women-only lists in the first category and six in the second. But only one target seat and two in which the sitting member was

retiring had volunteered. In the capital, the choice will be between Hayes & Harlington, Eltham and Bethnal Green & Bow, where a section of the membership has protested against the imposition of a list because the selection



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to clarify tax plans

DONALD MACINTYRE olitical Editor

plans to tax redundancy payments after claims of a sudden surge of applications by employees to leave their jobs be-

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, yesterday challenged the Chancellor to "come clean" about reports that he was planning to end tax exemption for the first £30,000 of redundancy payments.

The challenge came as Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, renewed his call on Mr Clarke not to deliver a tax cutting budget "for the short-term needs of the Conservative Party".

There have been strong hints that despite earlier reports that the Treasury was considering taxing redundancy pay it had now abandoned the idea. Mr Bruce said that Mr Clarke had refused to confirm

or deny the earlier reports and

added: "I'm saying to Kenneth

Clarke: 'Stop playing politics with people's lives and livelihoods - come to the House of Commons now and withdraw this madcap scheme." A tax of the sort envisaged, Mr Bruce said, could hit as many as 500,000 people with tax bills of up to £12,000. He added that either Mr Clarke was planning a "cynical and cruel new tax on insecurity and unemploy-

ment", or he was unnecessarily allowing "thousands of employees to swing in the wind" between now and the Budget. Both the Liberal Democrats and the Labour Party claim to have been "inundated" with calls from worried employees considering taking redundancy.

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Clarke told Princess Royal defended over Olympics criticism

British representative on the In- bidding for the Games. ternational Olympic Committee, had not "pulled her weight" on behalf of Manchester's failed bid to bring

Britain.

Mrs Bottomley defended the princess's refusal to engage in wheeler-dealing" to the National Heritage select committee, which is conducting the post-mortem examination as part of an investigation into British attempts to host international sporting events. She said: "I don't think it would have done our international reputation any good to have been in-volved in nefarious practice. We should behave like good sportsmen and women in these mat-

berry Rules." The Princess and Dame Mary Glen Haig, a fellow IOC member, were criticised last

ters and abide by the Queens-

ber of the select committee, for

Gerald Kaufman, the select committee's Labour chairman, last week suggested that the if she was too busy for her IOC

But yesterday he read extracts of a letter from Dame Mary say-



week by Joe Ashton, Labour Joe Ashton MP: Critical

ber of the screaming the business of lob tised within the property of the property of the careedingly distasteful, not in the property of the er shy to make those views

clear within Olympic circles." She added, "The Princess openly declared her distaste or the val le and too-re ily accepted 'perks' seemingly directed at influencing votes, hence perhaps her alleged un-

to be 'powerful men in sport'." Mr Kaufman said Barcelona and Atlanta had succeeded in hosting the Games without bid teams engaging in "nefarious

popularity with those reported

practices". He also added that when George Bush was United States President he had telephoned every member of the IOC to help Atlanta win the 1996

Sebastian Coe, Tory MP for Falmouth and former Olympic gold medalist, said: Bad bids do us no good at all and bids which are successful but are run badly are almost terminal."

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CSA staff 'wrongly assessed 23% of maintenance claims'

GLENDA COOPER

Nearly a quarter of assessments for maintenance payments made by the Child Support Agency were wrong, a report re-vealed yesterday.

The study, carried out by Ernie Hazlewood, the Govern-ment's chief child support officer, also found that although 15 per cent were for the right amount staff had not been following official guidelines in

making the assessment. Labour and child support groups immediately seized on Mr Hazlewood's report which showed only 29 per cent of all assessments on the amount owed by absent parents were definitely correct and made by staff following proper proce-dures. While improvements in accuracy had been achieved since the previous year, the re-

was still "disappointing". Staff are said to have made errors on nearly a quarter - 23 per cent - of cases, either sending out demands for too little or too much maintenance.

And in 28 per cent of cases, a lack of evidence meant it was not possible to tell whether the maintenance assessment had

been correctly decided.

This report follows a highly critical one, published in June, by the National Audit Office. It found that fathers were paying up to £55 too much, and also that the agency was owed more than £500,000 in unpaid maintenance, a "significant" amount of which was not expected to be paid back.

Mr Hazlewood said that while some progress had been made there was "still some distance to go before standards may be regarded as generally acport said that progress made ceptable and the task ahead re-

mained "substantial". He added that he "looked to CSA management and staff building on signs of improvement and in-

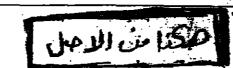
creasing its pace over the year."

Andrew Mitchell, the social security minister, said it showed the CSA was making "good and steady progress after a difficult start", but added: "The continuing requirement for improvement is substantial. The key elements are in place ... and I expect the agency to use them effectively to produce the stan-dards which all concerned have

a right to expect."
But Labour claimed the report revealed a "shockingly high level of inaccuracy" by the CSA in making assessments for maintenance payments. The Network Against the Child Support Agency said the report showed that despite various changes "the agency is still in ad-ministrative chaos".

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There'd be zero point in going back. After all, I'm the only one who's beaten the system, so to speak. Even Jack Slipper would leave me to suffer in exile - Ronnie Biggs

Diamond mystery of the Great Train Robbery

Thirty years after Ronnie Biggs started his life on the run, the great train robber has hinted that the gang which carried out the famous railway theft may have been after something more than old banknotes - a package of priceless gems.

It was 30 years ago this week that Biggs last saw England following his escape from Wandsworth prison. Now 66, he has lived in Rio de Janeiro for 25 years after initial plastic surgery in Paris and more than four years in Australia.

It is not difficult to believe that he blew his "whack" from the robbery on 8 August 1963 -£147,000 then, the equivalent of close to £2m now - on the escape to Australia and the first few years of extravagance. But what if there had been a bunch of uncut diamonds on board the famous Glasgow-Euston train.

The first intimation that there might have been diamonds on board the train came from Biggs' QC, Michael Argyle, some years ago. But now Biggs himself has

suggested that they might have been on the train. "I didn't see any diamonds. But somebody nicked them," he said.

Further hints about the presence of gems on board the train emerge in Biggs's first novel. Keep on Running, which draws on the true events surrounding the Great Train Robbery". In the book, Biggs writes that 50 uncut diamonds were snatched from the train along with the cash-filled mailbags.

One of the robbers, named in the book as David and one of three gang members never caught, got away with around half the diamonds, whose total value may have been more than the £2.6m cash haul, according to the novel to be published in Britain on 31 October.

The rest of the book echoes the "crime of the century" and bogs the question whether the



away with the diamonds have been Biggs and not " David"? "No way," said Biggs. "Scot-land Yard always knew it never got the entire gang. But the whole principle of that robber was that no one would talk. Old Bill could chop your legs off and

you wouldn't grass on your "The book is fact mixed with fiction. It's basically the facts with a dash of fiction." Biggs insisted. "The story is very close to the facts. But I had to disguise the identities of the people in-

The three robbers who got nyms David, Freddie and George. The latter, in real life, was the "heavy" who coshed train driver, Jack Mills, but was never caught, according to Biggs. In the prologue, Biggs said he wrote the book after "Freddie" called him to congratulate him on 30 years on the run. "Ron, you tell the story," he said. "You know what happened ... but no real names,

Ronnie, not even the initials." The man described on the jacket of his autobiography as "truly the quintessential lovable rogue of our time" spoke as he book is fact or fiction. For ex- sipped a beer in his hillside ample, could the man who got — apartment in Santa Teresa.

whose mother was the train rob-ber's former girlfriend, Raimunda, sat on the arm of his dad's

armchair in a T-shirt reading. It was Raimunda's pregnancy that allowed Biggs to stay in Brazil in 1974 after the Scotland Yard detective, Jack Slipper, tried to detain him in Rio. Biggs also has two grown-up sons Australia, Chris and Farley.

The novel is far from Biggs' first money-spinning venture, developed on the back of his notoriety. He has recorded punk ongs (as with the Sex Pistols in 1978), appeared in Brazilian television adverts (for burglary alarms) and run "The Biggs Experience" - inviting British tourists to listen to his robbety tales in return for \$50 a head.

The book is likely to bring in a few badly needed bob for the former petty crook from Brix-ton, but believes he helped "create a major moment in history. The train robbery was the decent crime".

His next project? "A cookery book. With a difference. I want to call it Autobiography of a Cook, but there'll be an T wedged between the letters 'c' and 'o'. The idea is that I'd steal all the recipes, give them different names and no one would



Porridge would, of course, be included since I've done so much

Biggs is now slightly hunched, but he is still an imposing, charming and youthful figure although the 1965 plastic surgery has left his cheeks bloated. His longtime companion is an Argentinian-born woman, Ulla, whom he has known 20 years. "We're sort of good mates but we keep our separate lairs."

After his usual request for cash in return for an interview "times are hard" – he settled for a "decent" lunch and a few beers in his local *amazen*, or

grocery store-cum-bar, where the Englishman in the flat cap and trendy, though greying. pony-tail is a local hero. He has. after all. lived here or hereabouts for 25 years. His only excursions abroad were to Argentina and Bolivia to renew his (borrowed and falsified) ssport in the early months of his stay and a cruise to Barbados in 1981 after he was kidnapped by a group of former

to Brazil rather than Britain. In the bar, the drinks appear to be endlessly on the house,

British soldiers. A Barbados

court eventually returned him

steakhouse, "Senhor Beeg-eez" gets the best cuts. On a bus to Botafogo beach, passengers nod to Biggs and smile.
Biggs said he had heard nothing from the Brazilian author-

ities about any change in his status now that Mike has turned 21 and legally no longer needs protection. Nor did he seem concerned over a new extradition treaty between Britain and Brazil that is likely to renew Scotland Yard's interest in him.

"I don't think that treaty had the vaguest thing to do with Rounie Biggs," he told me. When Mike turned 21 in Au-

the line, saying, 'are yer knees knockin', Ronnie?', But I've heard nothing from the Brazilians and I don't expect to."

He remains aware of the dangers of returning to England. "I wake up every morning and the first thing I do is make a nice cup of tea. But if I went back to England, I'd have to go to jail. I got 30 years and

only served a year and a half."
"If I went back, I feel they'd be obliged to reduce my sentence. I believe the Home Secretary could reduce it but I'm not sure he'd want to. I'd rather fight to the last round. I think

who's beaten the system, so to

Slipper would be quite happy to see me left 'to suffer in lonely exile, as he once put it ... I suppose if you asked me what I wanted out of life, it would be to live in complete freedom to come and go as I like." Any regrets? "I don't think anyone should have any re-

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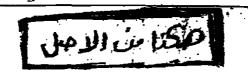
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Joseph Rowntree Foundation is calling for 18 disadvantaged neighbourhoods to be given

the opportunity to set up a "community sector" alongside

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Staying the Course, finds that 20 pioneering organisations have not only improved the quality of life in their community, but

have added to local wealth cre-

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JOHN ARLIDGE

Rare birds of prey, including fal-cons, buzzards, and hen harri-ers, should be called to arrest the sharp decline in stocks of grouse and other moorland birds, Scottish landowners said

The Scottish Landowners' Federation (SLF) called on the Government to relax the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act to allow gamekeepers to shoot raptors, which are currently a protected species. The federation, whose 4,000 members own around 3m hectares of the Highlands, argues that measures to protect

moorland birds, including plovers and lapwings, lairds

of deprived areas A new breed of social entrefive government departments.

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for a hotel and a music centre.

author, said that 18 pilot

schemes could be set up rapid-

ly if the Urban Forum, the National Council of Voluntary

Organisations, and local au-

thority associations were

brought together. He argued

that extra money would not be

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Stephen Thake, the report's

Local partnerships

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tal that regeneration pro-Platting Community Entergrammes are designed in ways prises in Manchester which is taking over the £12m redevel-opment of the derelict Victoria that will ensure their survival be yond the initial flurry of activity. Community regeneration organisations that are accountable to local people can play a Mill to provide workspace, com-munity facilities and over 100 homes. In June, the Astoncentral role in ensuring that the based Birmingham Settlement task of social, economic and launched a community bank to physical improvements is sus-tained," Mr Thake said. lend to small business and community based enterprises.

David Liston-Jones, for the Community Links in London Department of the Environsays it increases the disposable ment, said the Government welcomed the report, but ques income of some of the poorest people in London by £3m a year tions regarding the way in which by giving them effective benesuch a partnership would opfit advice. In Londonderry, the Inner City Trust has redevelerate still had to be considered.

proving the well-being, skills and

quality of life. That makes it vi-



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Jubilee Jig: Members of a dance group rehearse at the October Gallery in central London for Silver Jubilee celebrations to mark 25 years of the Tibetan community's presence in Britain. The three-day festival which features dance, music and song, begins today

Helping poor to help themselves

GLENDA COOPER

When Community Links in Canning Town was set up 18 years ago, it operated out of a lock-up shop and helped children and young people.

Now David Robinson.

rector, estimates the organisation uses 50 different premises and has increased the income of some of the poorest people in Newham by £3m a year in total, by advising them on benefits to which they were entitled.

Its great strength, he says, is that 80 per cent of volunteers have come along first as users. The volunteers - over 300 of them, supported by 30 paid staff - range from the unemployed who give up their time, to those working who spare a couple of hours in the evening. And it works, he feels, because people regain their self respect.
Community Links now runs

parent and toddler groups, toy ibraries, teenage parent groups, after-school clubs, youth clubs and holiday play schemes. It runs a "street corner to employment" centre for young people and money advice services for adults. Its own running costs are three-quarters of a mil-

"It's all based on the way in which we began, which is that there had to be a better way to solve local problems in what is the most deprived borough in the country," Mr Robinson, 36, said. "There is a very strong commitment to do things our commitment to do things ourselves based on training, sup-

porting, enabling."

One of the most successful projects so far is the advice given to residents on claiming benefits. "Many people come into our advice sessions not claiming the benefit they are en-



people regain self respect

titled to because they are not familiar with the written lauguage or even spoken English.
"It may be that the elderly were getting what they were en-titled to when they first became pensioners but subsequently the rules changed and they didn't know." Mr Robinson

"It's important even if it's just

£2 a week but if you're on the breadline it's significant." The organisation also does a lot with difficult children, particularly older ones who play truant from school or have been excluded. "It takes a variety of particular forms - play schemes, holidays away, youth

"People in the past have been very passive recipients of charity ... Now this is the first step to be able to give something themselves. It's the first step towards fulfilling yourself, building your self esteem. These people often can't do much about their lives but this is something they can do for someone else."

Landowners call for rare bird curb

Scotland Correspondent

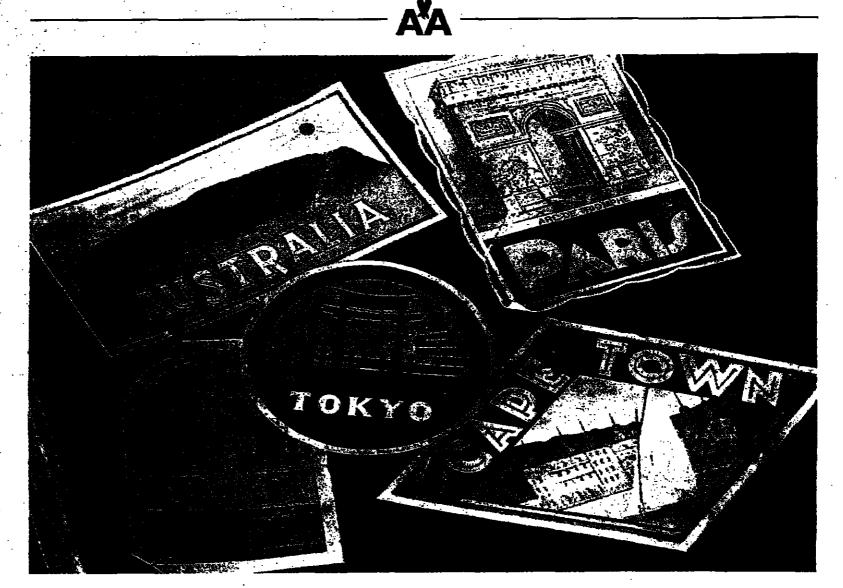
birds of prey have proved too

Raptors are now destroying

claim. The decline in grouse stocks has been particularly rapid, threatening to wipe out the £20m-a-year shooting

Graense Gordon, the head of the SLF, told an environmental conference in Perth yesterday that the rising number of birds of prey had upset the balance of nature. Mr Gordon is confident the SLF will persuade the Government to change the law. The federation has begun lob-bying through the Department of the Environment's Raptor Working Group, which was set up earlier this year.

But officials at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds deny raptors are to blame for the reduction in moorland bird stocks, Instead, they point to poor land management, in particular, the widespread destruction of heather moorland.



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Media mogul's church buys historic Rainbow rock venue

Silence drawn over £2.3m purchase that helps Brazilian organisation expand in Britain. John McKie reports

Once it rocked to The Beatles, Van Morrison and David Bowie. Punk fans rioted when The Clash appeared there in 1977. Four years earlier, 6,000 went on the rampage when they couldn't get tickets for The Osmonds.

Now, one of London's most famous rock venues, The Rainbow, will reverberate to little more than the sound of prayer and the chorus of confessional.

The Rainbow, once known as The Astoria, has been sold to a mysterious Brazilian religious organisation known as the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG).

Last October, property com-pany Prior Kirschel Properties bought the theatre - in Finsbury Park, north London - with the intention of returning it to its rock 'n' roll status.

Instead of selling to a music promoter, as PKP had hoped, it was bought by the Brazilian church for £2.35m.

The organisation already has one church in Britain: in Britain ton, south London. No one in this country has authority to talk on its behalf. Renato Cordoso, a pastor at the church, said: There isn't anybody in this country who has the authorisation to give out information about the church."

Asked for the name of anyone abroad who could give information, Mr Cordoso said: "I am not able to tell you that."

The UCKG is known to be interested in broadening its British base. In June, it bid a reported £4.5m for the Brixton



Congregation at Universal Church in Brixton, The Rainbow (centre), and Van Morrison (right), who appeared at the venue during its heyday

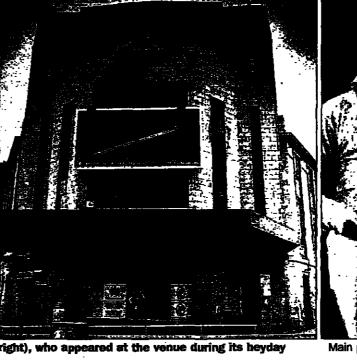
Stones closed their Voodoo Lounge tour. Instead it was bought two weeks ago by the leisure company Break For The Border which owns restaurants, bars and the Shepherds Bush Empire, which has recently hosted acts such as Blur and Elvis Costello. The UKCG then turned its attentions to The Academy, where the Rolling Rainbow, which it secured last

week. The theatre, which closed as an entertainment venue in 1981. is currently boarded up and needs considerable refurbishment. Laurence Kirschel, a PKP director, said the company felt no qualms about accepting the bid from the little-known organisation.

He said: "It would have been about them." The church's only UK repnice to have seen the building

open as a rock venue, but there resentative is Gavin Brent, who were costs to be maintained. We accepted the church's bid ahead of a couple of other bids because their references were better. They have bases in 25 different countries I know of and the people they worked with had nothing but good to say

would only say: "We have our



acted as its agent in the deals at Brixton and Finsbury Park. The UKCG has barred him from talking to the press. He would only say: "I am involved with them but I have areas of Rio de Janeiro, rebeen instructed by them not to portedly buying the Church's discuss matters with the press." headquarters from undertakers. Pastor Renato Cordoso Now he owns two of Brazil's

reasons for that." The main reason might be "Bishop" Edir Macedo. He is head of the television network and 30 radio stations in the country. Five MPs in India's congress are UCKG Universal Church and one of supporters. Brazil's media magnates. He The national newspaper Jourfounded the UCKG in the slum

nal de Brazil has reported that the UCKG now reaches 46 countries. It has its strongest following in Brazil, and the paper reported its annual worldwide turnover as \$8m Brazilian dolbiggest-selling newspapers, a

lars (£5.3m). The lournal has cited South Africa, Uganda, Malawi, the US, Mexico and France and Italy as UCKG bases, with Britain the next stop. Its members are reported to pay 10 per cent of all their earnings to the Church - Brazilian newspaper reports have suggested that the Church regularly checks this payment.

Macedo was prosecuted in

1992 and jailed briefly. He left Brazil last year and reported sightings have since been made in Mîami, Cape Town and

Ligia Lima, spokeswoman for the Brazilian government, confirmed: "He has been prosecuted by the federal tax system in 1992 and was jailed for two weeks, maximum. He's very fa-mous and followed by a legion of admirers. He is believed to be in the US and the prosecutions are continuing. It's a very delicate matter."

Macedo must be hoping for an easier time in Britain. At the UCKG meeting I attended in Brixton, a congregation of 20, with only three males, was exhorted in loud prayer by the pas-tor to purge themselves of problems by giving their lives to esus Christ.

A collection was held but noone was obliged to give money. It holds three services on Monday to Friday, four on Saturdays

plus two every Sunday. In Finsbury Park, an Anglican priest, Nigel Hartley said: "I dis-like the secrecy. It's wrong to offer people a deluded kind of hope. People are not going to get anything from a short-term fix."

Risk to men shown in suicide rates

Health Editor

There have been significant rises in the suicide rates for men in Britain and the Irish Republic, according to the first Europe-wide survey of suicide.

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the European Union are in Denmark - almost three times that of the UK and 2.5 times higher than the death toll from road accidents. Greece has by far the lowest number of suickies at just under 4 per 100,000 of population, followed by Spain at 7.5 and Italy at 7.6, although levels are rising in these countries.

The report, by Befrienders International, the international arm of the Samaritans, also highlights the plight of the "solitary young male" who cannot



communicate his distress except via his computer. Eighty per cent of contacts to the Samaritans service on the Internet are about suicidal feelings.

Vanna Scott, director general of Befrienders International, warned that suicide was a ma-In Spain, however, it is the jor avoidable cause of death, rise in suicide by women that is claiming the lives of 43,822 removable and published a year in the 12 mem-per removable the best states will be between mid-se to section 1994 and have 355 a rate of late 1994 and 1995 a rate of late 1994 and 1995 and 1995 a rate of

Fewer than half of the countries surveyed had a national policy on suicide and there is no EU suicide prevention policy. Suicide prevention services are minimal or fragmented in many countries, and education is also lacking. "Unless you inform people of the risk of suicide people are not going to be able to talk about it and express their

fears," Ms Scott said. Ms Scott said that the comparatively low rates in some southern Enropean countries may be due to a strong Catholic tradition in which suicide is a taboo subject. "But the extended family is still in place in many of these countries," Ms Scott added. "Where you have an integrated system you tend to have support for the individual."

In Denmark, where the suicide rate is significantly lower than it was a few years ago, there is no obvious explanation for the alarming number of deaths.

The report recommends that suicide is given a higher priority by EU states, which should develop national policies with investment in publicising awareness and prevention services. Study of Suicide Prevention with in the European Community, price £15 from Befrienders International, 23 Elysinn Gate, 126 New Kings Road, London SW6 4LA.

DAILY POEM

A stolen child

By John Burnside

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My father would say I belonged to someone else: the fairles had come in the night, invading his house with spells, and the mouse-smell of hendock.

And I would go out at dusk to the edge of the world, finding the snow-flavoured gaps in the swimming barley and searching for the palace of the king

who might be disguised as a tramp, in an old black coat, bobbing for mice and hedgehogs in the weeds and changing them into the semblance of children, to fill his house with pockets of warmth, like games for the cold to enjoy.

John Burnside was born in Dumfermline, Fife, in 1955. He read English and European Studies at Cambridge College of Arts and Technology and has since worked as a risk analyst in computers. He has published five collections of poetry, the first, The koop (1988) which won a Scottish Arts Council Literary Award. The Mush of the Twin, his fourth collection, was shortlisted for the TS. Eliot Prize and in 1994 he won the Shortusting for the 1.5. Each File and in 197 he will be Geoffice. Paper Memorial Prize, a recognition of his "singular music" and "exquisite precision of language". This poem is taken from Swinning in the Flood, just published by Ionathan Cape at 17.

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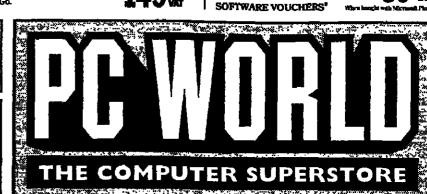
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Gonzalez loses vote on budget

lez insisted yesterday he would not call elections until next spring, minutes after opposition parties voted down his govern-ment's proposed 1996 budget.

You have to know how to win and lose a parliamentary motion," Mr Gonzalez told re-porters after parliament rejected the minority Socialist govern-ment's budget by 183 votes to 158 with one abstention in the 350-seat lower house. Only the Socialists voted in favour.

Responding to his first par-liamentary defeat since he took office 13 years ago, the Prime Minister indicated his government would continue trying to pass legislation and remain in office through Spain's presidency of the European Union which ends on 31 December. "I think there is a majority to ss pending legislation, he pass penuing registration said after his former allies of the Catalan nationalist coalition joined the conservative Popular

Party (PP) to defeat the budget. The vote was an indication of just how far Mr Gonzalez's star has fallen since the Socialists swept into office in 1982 with

vote. Opinion polls indicate that a wave of scandals has made deep inroads in his credibility and that the PP would win if elections were held now.

Opposition parties had announced they would reject the budget as a symbolic vote of no confidence in order to force Mr Gonzalez to dissolve parlia-ment and call immediate early

This is not the time for working on and debating budget proposals, but rather for clarifying electoral [issues]," said Joaquim Molins, spokes-man for the Catalan Convergence and Union coalition which had backed the Socialists' minority government from June 1993 until September. But Mr Gonzalez, who has insisted since last July be would call not call elections until next March, a year ahead of schedule, reiterated that he would stick to

that timetable. The PP leader, Jose Maria Aznar, said that the government's credibility has been thrown into question by the

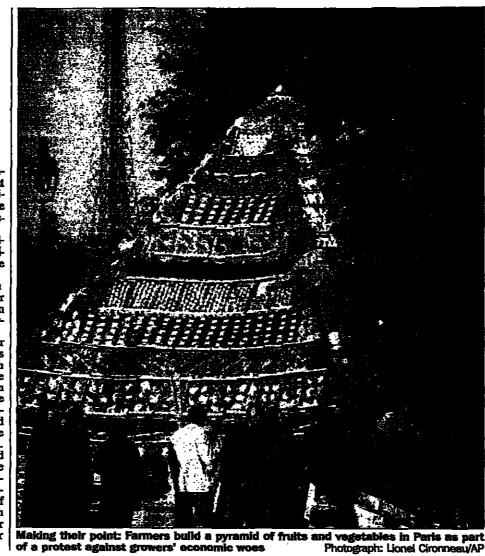
Madrid (AP) - Felipe Gonza- more than 40 per cent of the Minister, Pedro Solbes, countered that the opposition queht to call for a vote of no confidence rather than subject the nation's economy to "unneces-

ary uncertainty". Mr Solbes said that if the budget were defeated, the 1995 budget would automatically be extended to next year.

Parliament and the Spanish media have spent most of their time since last spring focused on scandals involving Socialist Par-ty officials and appointees.

A former interior minister and 13 former law officials have been implicated through judicial investigations in the GAL (Armed Liberation Group) death squads case. The GAL killed 29 people in southem France between 1983 and 1987 in a campaign against the Basque separatist group ETA. Other scandals have involved

a former Socialist Party finance chief charged with illegal camil Guard general accused of amassing a fortune through embezzlement, and a former Bank of Spain governor charged with insider trading.



Mujahedin threats 'disturb' UN in Bosnia British soldiers have been targeted by

extremists, says Christopher Bellamy

The United Nations said yesterday it was "extremely dis-turbed" about threats to British soldiers and aid workers following the shooting of a Mus-lim soldier by a British peace-keeper. But UN sources denied there was an organised vendetta" against British personnel in central Bosnia, as the British Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, had told Pariament on Tuesday

The UN spokesman, Chris Gunness, said the UN will "hold the Bosnian government responsible for threats or action against British personnel".

British army patrols have been strengthened as a pre-caution and British drivers have been stopped from taking part in UN convoys, said Lieutenant Colonel Chris Vernon, the UN spokesman in Saraievo.

As the ceasefire in Bosnia takes hold, all three factions have moved battle-weary units from the front line. On the Bosnian government side, these include extreme Muslim Mujahedin from other Islamic coun-

Their appearance in areas way from the front has put the UN peace-keeping forces on their guard and led to tension between the UN and Muslim forces in the past three weeks.

The Bosnian government army has continued to restrict UN's freedom of movement, even when the UN is trying to attend meetings with Bosnian commanders to discuss the ceasefire. However, military sources said recent incidents involving Mujahedin are probably the work of individuals who have been pulled out of the front line after being used as

The UN has been negotiating with the Bosnian forces' manders to get them to try and control the extreme Muja-

One group, which is esti-mated to number between 800 and 1,500 Mujahedin, is based in a factory in the village of Pobrijezja, near Zenica, in the Muslim heartland of central Bosnia. The number of Mujahedin has increased recently, probably owing to the recruit-ment of bitter, vengeful soldiers US officials in Washington, re-who were displaced from the former Muslim enclaves of Srebrenica and Zepa.

"They're not given a designation as such '1st Mujahedin battalion' or anything like that",

a UN officer said yesterday. "They're not exclusively foreign. They have people from former Yugoslavia and from ex-ternal Muslim states". Mirjahedin have been sent to

the front line in small groups and used as storm troopers in When they return to areas populated by less orthodox Bosncause trouble. In Zenica, Mujahedin recently kidnapped a baby in a pram because they dis-approved of the baby's Bosnian uslim mother wearing a short skirt, and refused to release i until she dressed in traditional

The Mujahedin, therefore are unpopular with local Muslims and with the Bosnian govemment, but their prowess as shock troops means they are tolerated. Two years ago the Bosnian government command in the Vitez area, near Zenica, asked the British battalion to wipe out a group of about 40, but the British said that was outside their UN mandate.

Warnings of a possible "vendenta" followed an incident on 5 October when a British UN soldier shot and killed a Bosnian soldier in Donji Vakuf, which the Bosnians had recently captured from the Serbs. The British Army said he had fired in self defence.

On 10 October a vehicle carrying four UN military observers was ambushed between Bugojno and Novi Travnik, . Three of the four UN observers were from Muslim states.

On 22 October a Norwegian aid convoy was stopped by Mujahedin near Tuzla. The Mujahedin asked if they were British, but on being told they were Nor-

wegian, let them go.

Washington — The presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia will meet with the Russian President, Boris Yeltsin, in Moscow next Tuesday, delaying by a day the start of US-led peace talks, it was announced yesterday, AP reports. The announcement, made first by work together on any settlement of the Bosnian peace plan.

Diarist withdraws 'embarrassing' tales of European politics

Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish mitted yesterday that it would be unfair and wrong to publish her controversial diaries, and announced that she would be

withdrawing the book.

The decision will avert a major scandal within the Commission, which has been angered by the wilful behaviour of Ms Bjerregaard and by the deeply embarrassing nature of some of her revelations. The diaries include criticisms of many European leaders and chatter indiscreetly about the wearisome nature of EU politicking.

Jacques Santer, the Com-mission President, has no pow-er to sack Ms Bjerregaard. Auxious that the revelations would trivialise the workings of the Commission and undermine its authority, he pressed

her to scrap the book.

A spokesman for Mr Santer said yesterday: "The President of the Commission is very pleased... He thinks it is a wise decision that will allow the Commission to really a series of the commission to the commiss Commission to really concentrate on its tasks at hand." The statement was a clear message to Ms Bjerregaard that she should get on with her job as environment commissioner, rather than spend the time undermining her colleagues. In Denmark, which takes a strong line on environment issues, there has been strong criticism of Ms Bjerregaard, who has been accused of damaging the

country's reputation in Europe.
A contrile Ms Bjerregaard said yesterday: "Good friends have felt abused and deceived, and colleagues with whom I relate well in work have felt that I was overstepping some limits.
This I regret very much." Just
two days ago Ms Bjerregaard insisted that her revelations were meant to be "friendly" and were intended to inform the public about European political life. But publicity given to the book was so intense that it al-

most over-shadowed the debate in Strasbourg on Tuesday over French nuclear tests. The Commissioner, responsible for nuclear safety, was clearly taken aback by the publicity, and by speculation on how much mon-



The extracts published so far have caused a flurry of irritation in a number of high places. Helmut Kohl, the Ger-man Chancellor, is accused of

man Chancellor, is accused of "not paying any attention at all" in meetings. President Jacques Chirac is described in dismissive terms by Ms Bjerregaard as a man who "gave a very bad im-pression ... I don't even think Mr Chirac will grow in stature with his post."



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French board protest ship in **Brindisi**

Brindisi (AP. Reuter) — French commandos boarded a Greenpeace ship yesterday after antinuclear activists from the group tried to block a French warship in Brindisi harbour.

The Altair, flying the Dutch flag, entered the harbour with four inflatable vessels to try to keep the destroyer Dupleix in port. Activists painted "Stop nuclear tests" on the side of the Dupleix and chained themselves to the moorings of the ship, which was in Brindisi for Nato exercises.

Giuseppe Onufrio, a Greenpeace activist on board the Altair, said: "French commandos ... boarded our boat, broke the glass of the windows in the bridge and threw in six tear-gas grenades. The French have committed an act of war in Italian waters."

Witnesses said the crew of the Altair seemed to lose control of the ship for about 10 minutes after the commandos boarded. The commandos had axes and forced the Greenpeace crew to

abandon ship. Sailors on the Dupleix used water cannon to swamp the inflatables and flood the Altair's engine-room. The French then started the engines of the abandoned ship, sending it crashing against the dockside. The Altair's ruider was damaged, Greenpeace said. Some Italian MPs ask d for an investigation of the Pench retaliation.

The Mair was commanded by an Englishman, Dave Enever, who was arrested in July when it command of Rambow Warrio II when she was boarded by rench commandos near the niclear test site at Mururoa.

Cartain Enever, from Frin-ton, Essex, said: "I couldn't believe that in an Italian port another member of the EU could do omething like that. They thrw tear-gas grenades, smshed windows and poured tos of water down the funnel ard into the engine-room. Tere's so much water between dcks you get a free shower eery time you move." Capt En-"loing their hard-man act". "While we were off the nidge they put the engines nto reverse and the ship almost demolished an Italian Customs boat before she hit the dock. We are holed above the waterline and we won't be sailing any-

Two other Britons on board the Altair yesterday were named as Geoff Sheldon and Elizabeth Blake. Greenpeace organised protests against France after it decided to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

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With his image abroad in tatters and the national currency on the slide, President Jacques Chirac of France flew into Bonn last night for a hastily arranged tête à tête with the man regarded as the most important politician in Europe: Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Presented as a routine oil change for the Franco-German axis, the visit none the less had the appearance of a full-blown salvage operation. The German government is visibly irritated with the inauspicious start to the Chirac presidency, particularly with Mr Chirac's failure to deliver on his election promise to cut the budget deficit.

The issue goes to the heart of European integration, Mr Kohl's cherished project. France and Germany will drive next year's European Inter-Governmental Conference (IGC) and a weak and isolated France would reduce Germany's leverage, threatening to bring the entire process to a halt. On most issues that is unlikely, but there are signs of near panic in Germany that the flag-



Chirac: Bonn irritated with mauspicious presidency

ship of integration, monetary union by 1999, is in danger of being sunk by France.

So far only two countries, Germany and Luxembourg. have met the economic criteria laid down by the Maastricht treaty. France claims to be in the process of cutting its annual deficit to the required 3 per cent of gross national product, but the Germans frankly do not believe this. All they see is that President Chirac has already lost one promising finance minister, and the French economy has slipped

The dawning realisation of the scale of the Prench problem has solintered the monolith of official German opinion. "Only those who show the will and the ability to hold to long-term stability-oriented policy will pass the tests required by the Maastricht treaty." Mr Kohl thundered earlier this week. "The European currency therefore will be as solid as the mark."

But some of his ministers openly disagree. Apart from Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister who was first to prick this bubble of complacency, the

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Economics Minister, Ginter Regrock is a sceptic. Mr Regrock has gone so far as to suggest last week that moterary union might have to be postponed beyond 1999— a statement he was

forced to retract later.

Equally confused is the attitude of the gnomes of Frankfurt. The Bundesbank, custodian of the unshrinking Deutschmark, insists there can be no currency union without strict adherence to the convergence criteria. But the country's six most influential economic institutes said in a joint report on Thesday that monetary union should go ahead regardless, so that German exporters punch-drunk from a high Dentschmark can start competing on equal terms. Whoever Mr Kohl listens to,

the ultimate fate of monetary union rests with President Chirac, a situation which the imperious German leader must ind frustrating. It is rather like the position Bonn has been bounced into by the begach inclear tests. As Mr. Charac discovered vesterday when he was prested by frustrations of horizon. greeted by protesters on arrival, the Muroscalijasis did not en-hance Franco German friend ship. Paris's offer to allow EU countries to shelter under the French nuclear umbrella merely added insult to injury.

Beside their revulsion at the French actions, Germans suspect that France is trying to drive a wedge between Europe's fledgling security insti-tutions and the US-led Nato. The offer of a time-share in the force de frappe was politely but firmly rejected. "Germany will do anything to avoid the United States disengaging from the defence of Europe," says a German foreign policy expert.

But despite that disagreement, security is an issue on which the two countries have been able to find common ground. Last week, Bonn tentatively agreed to pay some of the costs of the French spy satellite Helios-2, another device clearly intended by France to sideline the US. And now that German troops are on their way to the former Yugoslavia, military co-operation between Bonn and Paris will at last move beyond the purely symbolic.

The two countries have also made some progress in recent weeks over the vexed question of the reform of Europe's poitical institutions. A flury trips between Paris and Bonn has produced new initiatives, to be presented jointly at next year's IGC. But here, too, disagreements remain. On key questions, such as the eastward enlargement of the European Union, the gap remains wide.

And on the fundamental question of the EU's future. German suspicions are hard to dispel. Germany is yet to be convinced that France is willing to surrender sovereignty to a Europe-wide body which Bonn hopes will one day become the government of a federal Europe



View from the bridge: Greenpeace marks President Chirac's visit to Bonn with a protest against nuclear tests

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Doubts mar joy as Israelis quit town

ERIC SILVER

Yasser Arafat's portrait beams in technicolour triumph from the top of a pillar in the main street of Jenin, the first of the six West Bank towns Israeli forces will evacuate over the next two months. The Arabic slogan beneath it reads: "Today Jenin, tomorrow Jerusalem!"

The pull-out began yesterday, but will not be completed for three weeks. Israeli police withdrew from the main police station, although a handful of soldiers remained behind.

A five-man Palestinian police liaison team arrived from Jericho and joined Israeli officers at a new District Co-ordinating Office on a caravan site at the entrance to the town. But the Palestinian police are not yet patrolling Jenin. The hand-over will be phased

and monitored. Neither side can afford to let it go wrong. But Jenin, a hill town of 44,000 Arab inhabitants at the far northern end of the West Bank, no longer feels like occupied territory. The shame of 28 years of Israeli military rule has evaporated.

The black-, white-, red-andgreen Palestinian flag, which was once a symbol of defiance that could land you in jail or in hospital, is flying everywhere. Shopkeepers have strung banners across the streets welcoming Mr Arafat and his

Palestinian National Authority. Talal Assad, 32, a postal clerk, estimated that 90 per cent of the townspeople supported the PLO leader. An opinion poll earlier this month found more than 70 per cent of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians endorsed

the peace process On the eve of the Jenin pullback, householders painted over the graffiti of the seven-year Intifada uprising. Yester-children all over the world."

day, local authority workers were sprucing up the graves of 45 Iraqi soldiers killed in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, who are buried in a military cemetery next to the co-ordinating office. Outside, lest anyone should forget, a crippled Jordanian tank, viotage 1967, stands beside a memorial to the Israeli troops who were killed during the Six-Day War that year.

The future is still uncertain,

but in front of the police station

dozens of young men, all of

them Intifada veterans, were

convinced that it would be bet-

ter. "Jenin is fighters' country,"

glorious day we are ending our war," they responded. "Today is

Ala Jarar, 26, a hairdresser and mother of two, explained:

"Life was very hard for us dur-

ing the Intifada. You couldn't do

what you wanted. We couldn't

take our children to do anything

beautiful. All the kids did was

throw stones at Israelis. Now I

a festival in Jenin.

py", he said in impeccable Hebrew. "Ioday we are seeing the fruits of everything that we did during the Intifada." But behind the facade of joy, the Palestinians in the street are waiting for answers. "If there is peace, why are some of our people still behind bars?" asked another prison graduate who would identified himself only as Ahmad. Will there still be check-

points outside town?" he added. 'I don't want Israeli soldiers ordering me to put my hands up and spread my legs. That's not

Ali Hamad, 23, an unemployed labourer, spent two years in an Israeli jail for secu-

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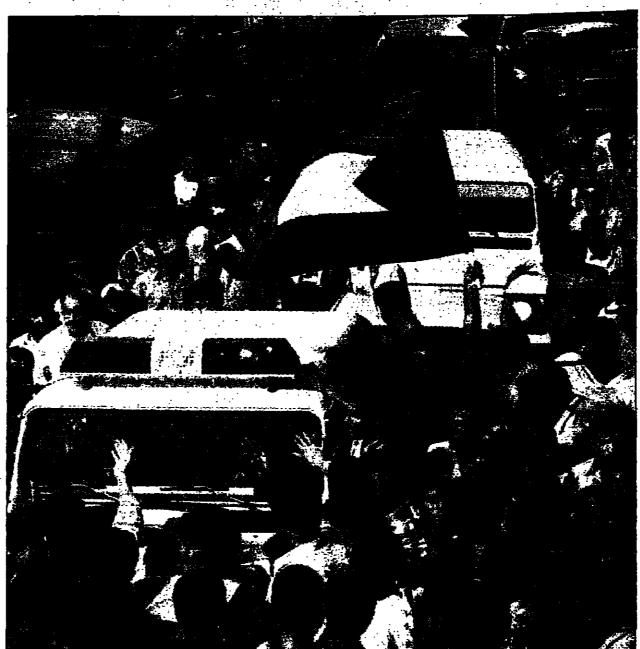
rity offences. "I feel very hap-

Ahmad, who is 38, has been denied entry to Israel because of his resistance record since 1993. To feed his wife and eight children, he has scraped around for casual construction jobs on the West Bank. It was enough to live on, he said, but no more.

Jenin has no industry and the rocky terrain offers little scope for farming. Unlike its more prosperous West Bank neighhour. Nablus, the town shows no sign of a building boom. The peace dividend, if and when foreign investors can be attracted, is a remote dream.

Then there is the unfinished business of the peace negotia-Naji Sha'er, a popular wedding singer, chanted. "But on this tions. "When are we going to get the rest of Palestine?" asked a rare dissenter, who declined to give his name, but works as a

Another in a coffee shop opposite the Iraqi cemetery asked: What about the Jewish settiers? What will happen on the ground after the Israeli soldiers leave? Will I be able to go to Israel? Will I be able to visit Jerusalem? Half of my family lives in exile. Will they be able



Welcome home: Crowds mob the first batch of Palestinian police in Jenin

Photograph: Jerome Delay/AP

muscles on world stage

Housewives flex their

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — Conservative housewives, tired of watching passively from behind their ironing boards as men and feminists monopolise public debate, plan to muscle onto the global stage with their first world congress.

Under the slogan "House-wives, Citizens of the World," women from 14 countries, including Russia, Italy, Britain, Germany, Japan and Brazil will attend a three-day forum in the Argentine capital, starting today. Several men from Spain will be among the 150 delegates.

homosexuals are all occupying the stage, so why can't we?" said gentina's League of Housewives. The recent United

more than their fair share of limelight, she said, adding: "The only thing I say personally, not speaking for the League, is that the only thing feminists have done is to bring AIDS into the world, with free love and sexual liberty and all that."

Claiming 400,000 members and paying for its own daily cable television programme, Mrs de Lazzari's League is Argentina's top consumer rights organisation and packs a powerful political punch. While she said that housewives do not need to be paid for running the home, they do want respect as professionals, and more access

to social security benefits. But the main focus of the conference will be on family unity, because: "We have realised Nations World Conference on Women, in China, was an example of feminists grabbing disasters," Mrs de Lazzari said. | exiled Iraqi National Congress and the Supreme Council for Islamic Resistance in Iraq.

Britain expels Iraqi for London spying

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CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

An Iraqi diplomat is being expelled from Britain for passing information to Baghdad which could have been used to kill Iraqi dissidents in London
The Foreign Office an-

nounced yesterday that Khamis Khalef Al Ajili, the adminis-trative attaché at the Iraqi Interest Section of the Jordanian Embassy in Kensington has been declared persona non grata and has been given until 31 October to leave the country with his family. He is accused of "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status". This usually means spying and, in this case, is understood to mean surveillance and targeting of Iraqi

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister responsible for the Middle East, took the decision after security services had apparently obtained evidence that Mr Ajili was acting in violation of UN Security Council Resolutions. Resolution 687, passed after the end of the Gulf War, requires Iraq to stop acts of terrorism, including those against Iraqi disadents in foreign countries.

Baghdad has long been concerned about opposents of President Saddam Hussein's regime operating atroad. Two months ago, the fresident's two sons-in-law fied o Jordan, joining hundreds of Iraqis round the world who ere work-

ing to overthrow the regime. Diplomatic relationspetween Britain and Iraq were buken off in February 1991 after he start of the Gulf War. Britainhas no diplomats in Iraq but, unler the Vienna convention, bothcountries retained the right to paintain an interest section a the other's capital. Yesterda the Foreign Office said it remined undecided about whether it would allow a replacemen for

Mr Ajili, known to belon to Iraq's Directorate Generalof Intelligence, arrived in Augst 1994. He was one of three Iraqis at the Jordanian elbassy. The Iraqi staff need(1 special permission to travel of of London and, in the words a security source yesterday We keep a close eye on thei activities

There is a substantial num ber of Iragi exiles in London and Manchester. The exact number of dissidents who are prominent enough to be of interest to Baghdad, is unknown but they include members of the

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West voices fears for Slovak democracy

Central Europe Correspondent

The European Union and the United States yesterday took the unusual step of publicly sounding alarm bells about the state of democracy in Slovakia.

The ambassadors of four EU countries formally presented the Slovak Prime Minister, Vladimir Meciar, with a diplomatic note expressing concern.

The US embassy in Bratislava issued a statement also conveying President Bill Clinton's

misgivings.

The warnings came after months of feuding between Mr Meciar and the Slovak President, Michal Kovac. They also followed recent allegations that the Prime Minister may have had a hand in the bizarre kidnapping two months ago of one of the

Western officials said the statements only made public concerns expressed privately for some time. They strengthen the impression that Slovakia has fallen behind other Central European countries in the race to join Western institutions such as Nato and the EU.

In Slovakia, the statements will be seen as further evidence of what the government terms the "disinformation campaign"

aimed at "pushing Slovakia towards international isolation". The feud between the Prime

Minister and President, onetime allies turned bitter rivals, has dominated Slovakia's political life since Mr Meciar returned to power following elections last September. In addition to eroding the

powers of the President, Mr Mediar has tried to persuade

to secure the three-fifths majority required to achieve it. In August one of Mr Kovacs'

sons was kidnapped, dumped in the boot of his own car and driven to Anstria, where he has been held ever since pending possible extradition to Germany on suspicion of fraud. The President believes the kidnapping was arranged by the Meciar-controlled Slovak Intelligence Service.

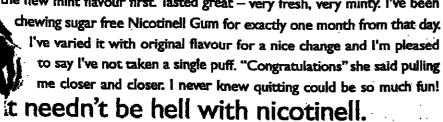
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US unions lured by the promise of a new dawn

TIM CORNWELL

In its first contested leadership election, the AFL-CIO was expected last night to usher in a new chapter in the union federation's history. Supporters of the incumbent president, Thomas Donahue, saw little chance of seeing off the chal-lenger, John Sweeney, who promises to revitalise America's

moribund labour movement. Mr Sweeney went into a vote last night with the backing of 55 per cent of the 1,020 delegates at the New York convention of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations), sources said. He urged them, in an acrimonious pre-election debate with his rival, to "say no to the status quo"

His answer to the problems of American unions, which have seen membership shrink to 15 per cent of the workforce and appear at risk of being sidelined as a political force, is to adopt the kind of confrontational tactics seldom seen in the US since the 1960s.

Mr Sweeney told delegates to vote for him "if you believe you are running out of time, if you are ready for change that is bold and sweeping". He pushed through a resolution calling for the training of 1,000 organisers a year, five times the existing number and promised to focus a recruiting drive on workers in hi-tech industries, on ethnic

minorities and on women. His record suggests his promises are more than rhetoric. As head of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) he achieved what was considered impossible — aggressively recruiting and oranising workers in the service

Under his leadership the SEIU embraced civil-disobedience tactics. Last month mem-Roosevelt Bridge during the forts to organise jankors who cleaned office buildings in the city. Linda Chavez-Thompson,

Sweeney's deputy, was recently arrested at a demonstration on behalf of hotel workers in San Francisco. "I like to get arsted," she said.

The convention yesterday moved to end divisions that marked Mr Sweeney's rise to power since he orchestrated the resignation in June of Lane Kirkland, 73, who over 16 years in office presided over a decline in union membership to 13

million, the lowest in 30 years. Mr Sweeney led an insurgent group of big unions, including the car workers and Teamsters that forced him to resign, setting the stage for the AFL-CIO's first leadership contest.

They backed him again yesterday but Mr Sweeney's aggressiveness so angered Doug Dority, head of the United Food and Commercial Workers, that he and other leaders threatened to leave the federation. A split was apparently averted when the two sides agreed to expand its executive council to 51 seats from 35.

In angry public exchanges Mr Donahue, who was Mr Kirkland's deputy, accused Mr Sweeney of using "cute phrases" to mask a "shallow voice". He argued for moderate reform, to "worry less about blocking bridges and worry more about building bridges to the rest of society".

While both speakers called President Bill Clinton a friend of organised labour, the AFL-CIO broke with him over the North American Free Trade Agreement opening borders between Canada, the US, and Mexico. Nafta was approved over its opposition. The federation suffered another blow to its political standing when Republicans took control of Congress. But far from bending with a conservative wind, observers say, Mr Sweeney is appealing to a mounting frustration.

A growing number of leaders bers blocked Washington's are talking of a reprise of 1960s civil-sights protests. "We're go-Morris, a Philadelphia Teamsters leader, told the New York
Times. "That's the whole who is expected to become Mr Philadelphia waterfront."

Washington — Snoop Doggy Dogg, the superstar of gangsta rap music, whose debut album, Doggy Style, entered the US charts at No 1 and sold four million copies, goes on trial today as an accessory to murder in an alleged drive-by shooting, writes Tim Comwell.

Prosecutors say the former choirboy, real name Calvin Broadus, 24, was driving around Los Angeles two years ago when his bodyguard shot dead a member of a rival gang. Snoop, as he is known on the Long Beach streets where he grew up and joined the Crips gang, is often billed as an authentic product of the ghetto

whose songs ring with first-hand knowledge of street-cor-ner crack sales and gang wars. But critics say gangsta rap takes rap tunes laced with strings of obscenities to glamorise gang violence and the gun culture, and degrades women. The case captures the

Under pressure from Senator Bob Dole, the leading Repub-lican presidential candidate, Time Warner recently stopped distributing gangsta rap records. Mr Broadus is also being sued for \$25m (£16m) by the family of the dead man, who say he used the killing to boost his rep-utation and his sales.

Mr Broadus, on \$1m bail, has been helping friends in another rap group, Tha Dogg Pound,

King of gangsta rap on trial for drive-by killing set new standards for obscene language in a rap album.

Jury selection begins today in the Los Angeles Criminal Courts building where OJ Simpson was acquitted earlier

this month. Also charged are the alleged riggerman, McKinley Lee, and a friend, Sean Abrams.

Lawyers for the three say Mr Lee fired in self-defence after Philip Woldermariam, 20, the son of Ethiopian refugees. reached for a gun. Friends gang called By Yerself Hustlers and that Mr Lee was simply doing his job. Prosecutors call it a simple drive-by shooting with the victim shot twice in the

Mr Simpson's lead attorney, Johnnie Cochran, is represent-ing Mr Abrams. The jury will hear that the Los Angeles Pobecame a central issue in the Simpson case, accidentally de-stroyed key evidence, including the victim's bloody clothes, a bullet and a cartridge case.

Mr Broadus put the finishing touches to Doggy Style soon af-ter the shooting. It has a mellow, ambling pace, and he almost speaks the words in a soft tenor voice. But the the lyrics spin tales of everything from the shooting of an undercover policeman to Mr Broadus's own death in a drive-by shooting.

Murder scandal over 'libelled' Russian minister

PHIL REEVES

Hours before he was due to set off for the United States to ham-mer out details over his nation's paid for by funds that were suprole in a Bosnian peace-keeping force, Pavel Grachev, Russia's Defence Minister, was battling on a different front at home - in a politically explosive tibel case.

After being ordered to court, first by a judge and then by President Boris Yeltsin, General Grachev yesterday made a brief appearance in a Moscow courtroom to complain that he had



'Insulted' accusation of corruption

been "insulted" by an article in a Russian newspaper which accused him of theft and

corruption. The roots of the dispute lie in a still unsolved scandal that has preoccupied Moscow's journalists ever since it happened rust over a year ago: the assassination of Dmitry Kholodov, a 27-year-old reporter with

Moskovsky Komsomolets. Kholodov had been investigating corruption in the Russian army during its withdrawal from eastern Germany and had published a stack of incriminating material. He hoped to find more when he received an anonymous call telling him to pick up a briefcase at a railway station. The case blew up in his

His murder caused an uproar - thousands of the paper's readers turned up at his funeral -

much of which focused on Gen-eral Grachev. Shortly after-wards Moskovsky Komsomolets accused the minister of illegally posed to go towards military housing. "A thief should be in jail and not in charge of the Defence Ministry", it wrote. The general decided to sue.

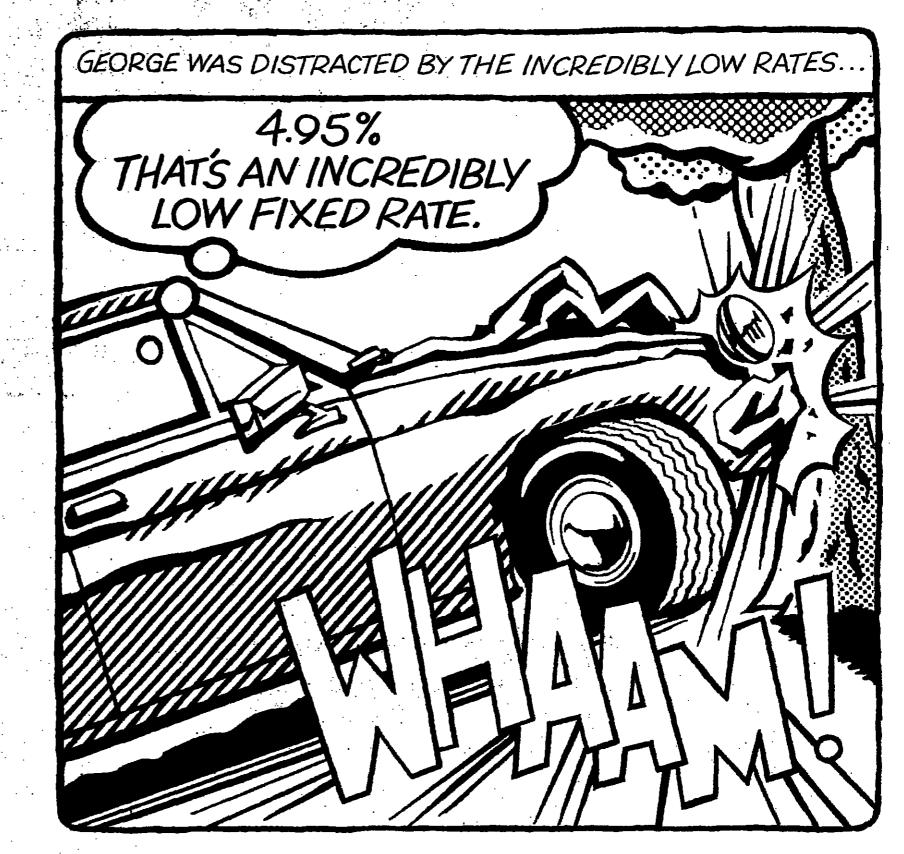
But General Grachev showed little enthusiasm in fighting his corner in person. He failed to turn up at several hearings, complaining that he wanted no part in a media circus. A judge finally ordered him to court for yesterday's hearing, threatening to bring him in "by force".

Even then the general deminred, anatoming through his aides that he would be abroad. Evidently alarmed by the notion that one of his own ministers was flagrantly floating the law, President Yelisin intervened, ordering him to rearrange his travel plans.

In court yesterday, General Grachev's comments were brief. 'One can only call a person a thief after a court has made a decision," he said, adding he had been insulted "not just as a person, but also as the highest figure in the Russian Min-istry of Defeace."

The case will go on, and so too will the anger over Kholo-dov's death. To the horror of some journalists, the editor of Moskovsky Komsomolets, Pavel Gusey, recently apologised on television to General Grachev for linking him to the murder, saying such issues were up to a court to decide.

On Thesday, Mr Gusev sought to clarify his position fur-ther by publishing a signed ed-itorial: "I know that Dima Kholodov was killed by professionals in military uniform. It is a terrible sin to blame someone for a murder, but there was no mistake when I spoke about the Defence Ministry. If your 'firm' has squads of assassins, whether you know about it or not, then you are to take part of the blame and suspicion.



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Cult guru's trick stalls trial

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

The saga of the Aum Shinri Kyo religious sect took a confusing turn last night when the trial of the cult's guru, Shoko Asahara, was suddenly postponed after he dismissed his lawyer.

Mr Asahara had been due to appear in court for the first time this morning on three charges, including the murder of 11 commuters poisoned by sarin nerve gas on the Tokyo subway in March. Thousands were expected to queue for seats in the public gallery, and police in Tokyo were put on alert against any possible retaliation by the disciples of the guru.

But as the national evening news began a lengthy preview of the case, a startling announcement was made: Mr

Yokoyama, had been sacked. Capital charges cannot be heard without a defender, so court officials had to put off the trial. The move appears to be a de-

laying tactic on the part of Mr Asahara, who is charged with ordering several other murders and abductions, as well as the manufacture of illegal drugs and two separate sarin attacks.

Suspicions were raised on Sunday when Mr Yokoyama, 67, a seedy character reputed to have links with organised crime syndicates, was involved in a crash, in a car that was driven by a member of the cult. Despite apparently minor injuries he obtained a doctor's note ordering him to remain in hospital for two weeks, but was persuaded by court officials to

Yesterday, wearing a neck brace, he visited Mr Asahara in his cell at the National Police Agency headquarters, where he was dismissed. A second lawyer took on the case but

resigned a few hours later. The incident raises questions about the future course of the trial, the most complex in Japanese history. Assuming Mr Asahara is convicted, lawyers believe it could be at least 15 years before a death sentence is carried out, once a lengthy trial and pleas for clemency are taken into account.

In the absence of a lawyer, a defendant is assigned one by the state. The difficulty in Mr Asahara's case is persuading anyone to take him on. One of the cult's alleged victims was a lawyer, strangled and lethally injected with his wife and infant son.

Sumos' reputation goes up in a puff of smoke

Richard Lloyd Parry. Earlier this month Takanohana, grand champion of Japan's national sport, travelled to Vienna to be made Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations in its fight against drugs. Three weeks later, his campaign is bogged down in embarrassment after accusations of cannabis use among his fellow wrestlers.

"Spliff-gate", as it may yet become known, was triggered by an article in Shukan Gendai, a weekly magazine, on the leisure-time activities of two junior wrestlers, Sunahama and

Photos show them rolling then blissfully inhaling a ciga-

relaxing habit. Debate has raged in conser-vative sumo circles over the suitof foreigners participating in this quintessentially Japanese sport and the latest scandal will harm the

Tokyo — It was a proud moment for sumo wrestlers, writes the text to the piece. "Marijuana? Never. Goodbye," was Sunahama's reply to Shukan Gendai's phone call. Sentoryu, however, confirmed that he smoked the drug and so did his several of his bulky chums. The magazine stands by its report but both men have denied it and the Japan Sumo Association is threatening to sue for libel on their behalf.

The affair is complicated by the fact that neither is Japanese. Sentoryu, who is half Armenian, is the first ranking sumo wrestler from the mainland US. Sunahama, like several prominent sumos of recent years, is from Hawaii, where the two allegedly acquired their

prospects of others rising high, at least by conventional means. surprise when he announced that 20th Century Fox, the Hol-

Sydney enraged by Murdoch's film studio deal

ROBERT MILLIKEN

Rupert Murdoch has become the centre of a political strap involving Australia's film and letting the industries over his plan to take over one of the

three months ago, is now heading for the courts, where op-ponents are demanding that a secret deal between Mr Murdoch and the New South Wales Labor government be made

With a general election pending next year, the controversy has also focused on the relationship between Mr Murdoch and Paul Keating the Prime Minister, who has given his blessing to the enterprise.

The public land at the centre of the storm is the Sydney Showground, a 27-hectare site in central Sydney which has been the home of the Royal Agricultural Society since 1882. For most of that time, the grounds have hosted the annual Royal Easter Show, at which farmers display the cream of their livestock and produce.

With the society planning to relocate the show on the site being developed for the 2000 Olympic Games, debate has raged over the future of the old showgrounds. They lie in the centre of parkland which Lachlan Macquarie, one of Australia's most visionary governors, dedicated in 1811 for the benefit of all present and succeeding inhabitants of Sydney". In the 1990s, they also comprise some of Aus-

Film and television producers had lobbied the state government to convert some of the showground buildings for film production while turning the rest of the site into public parkland. After a meeting in Canberra with Mr Murdoch a year ago, Mr Keating took them by

tralia's most valuable real estate.

lywood studio owned by Mr where the government is a mi-Murdoch's News Corporation, nority, demanding that Mr would build a studio there itself. Technically, it is not Mr Keat-

ing's land to give: it is administered by the New South Wales state government, headed by Bob Carr, a Labor ally of Mr Keating who was left to sort out the details with Fox. When the deal was formally announced in July, it emerged that Fox Studios Australia would receive not just a portion of the showgrounds but almost the entire site for a peopercorn rent for 50

Murdoch: Struck secret bargain for a prime site

years. Only the horse stables and two heritage buildings would remain for public use. leaving the rest to Mr Murdoch. Fox says the studio will provide new opportunities for the

Australian industry and help to reverse a talent drain to Hollywood. But Australian-based film-makers remain sceptical. Lynda House, producer of Muriel's Wedding and Proof. said: "I'm not convinced that this means a new golden age for Australian film." Paul Cox, di-rector of Man of Flowers, said: "I'm worried about American film-makers buggering up the Australian film industry as they did to the British industry in the 1960s and 70s."

Apart from plans to buildoze the showgrounds arena and grandstands, no details of the deal have been released. Yesterday the New South Wales opposition coalition passed a motion in the upper house,

nority, demanding that Mr Carr's administration release all

papers associated with the deal.

Many Australian producers
fear Mr Murdoch plans to use the studio to relocate American films away from Hollywood, where production costs have soared. An average feature film costs \$3m (£2m) to produce in Australia compared to \$14m in Hollywood. Mr Murdoch hinted as much when he said recently: "Under the existing economics of film-making in Hollywood, there are too many films being made. We are not

rushing into that area blindly. As Mr Murdoch controls 70 per cent of Australia's newspapers, the deal has come under little press scrutiny. The rival Sydney Morning Herald, con-trolled by Courad Black, has criticised it, describing Mr Mur-doch as "a 20th-century fox" and attacking the manner in which the state government suspended normal planning and environmental controls to rush through the scheme.

So, too, has Clover Moore, a an Independent MP who represents the showground district in the state parliament. She has referred the deal to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, a state body charged with investigating gov-ernment actions and dealings. ernment actions and dealings.
"The government doesn't want us to know about their deal with Mr Murdock single all signed and sedied," she said. "There has been no debate, half our their is fear of speaking out against the intentions of a powerall media magnate."

Mr Keating appeared to emoastrate her point two weeks ago when Mr Murdoch ratifed his government by de-scribing the Australian cono-my as "disgrace" Never one to minde words in

the face of such an attack, Mr Keating was uncharacteristically benign in his response. "I think a few reactionaries were

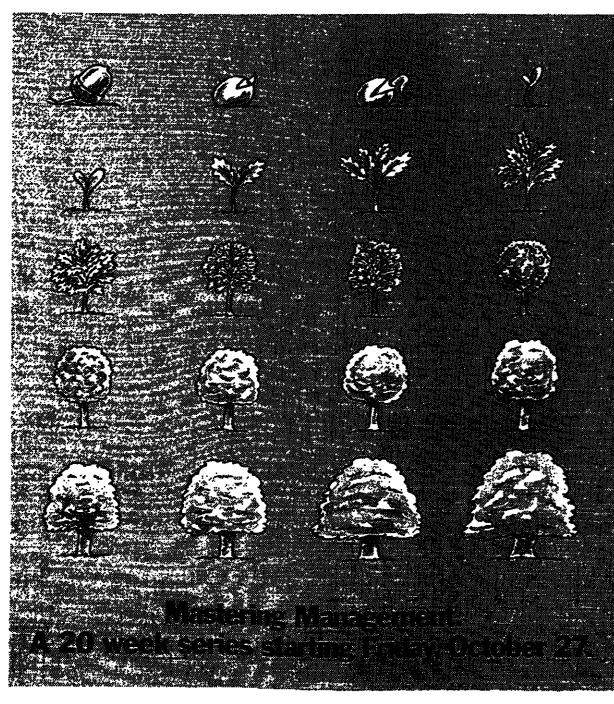
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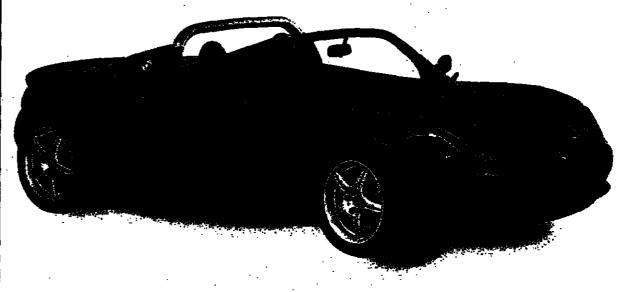
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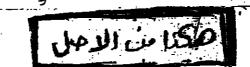




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"Look, it has happened that some policemen have made some mistakes," he said in an interview in his office at a barracks in Diyarbakir.

Some terrorists were wounded, taken to hospital and not treated as well as they should have been. Once I heard about it, the policemen were removed from their jobs. About 15 of them, I would say."

A deplorable but untypical incident, he suggested, in a conflict which, according to official Turkish figures, has killed about 18,000 people since 1984, more than half of them rebels fighting for the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). However, by the admission of the Turkish authorities, more than 1,500 villages and hamlets in the south-east have been completely emptied of their inhabitants in an effort to starve the PKK, a Marxist group fighting for Kurdish autonomy or independence, of local support.

The effects are instantly visible in Diyarbakir, a city whose population, has shot up from 380,000 in 1990 to 1,500,000 today. The city streets are filled

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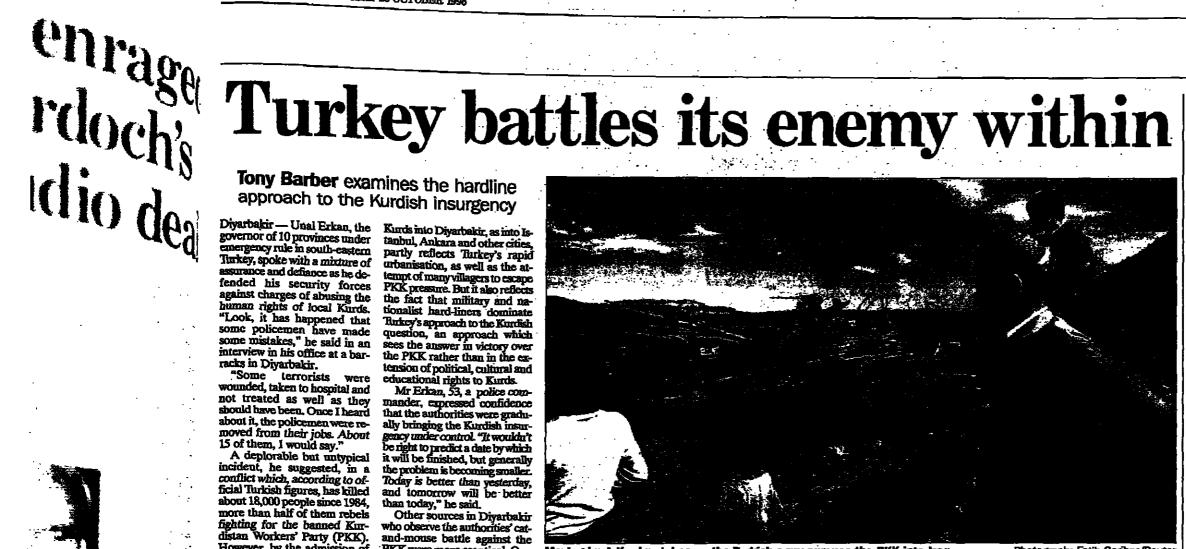
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tionalist hard-liners dominate Turkey's approach to the Kurdish question, an approach which sees the answer in victory over the PKK rather than in the extension of political, cultural and

educational rights to Kurds. Mr Erkan, 53, a police commander, expressed confidence that the authorities were gradually bringing the Kurdish insurgency under control. "It wouldn't be right to predict a date by which it will be finished, but generally the problem is becoming smaller. Today is better than yesterday, and tomorrow will be better than today," he said.

Other sources in Diyarbakir who observe the authorities' catand-mouse battle against the PKK were more sceptical. One Turkish journalist said: "The fact is that the number of military sent here in the last two years has increased, and the authorities are using more sophisticated equipment. In that time the number of people killed has increased, and that is because

PKK activities have increased." Mr Erkan estimated that the PKK had a 6,000-strong force at its disposal, based partly inside Turkey and partly across the borders with Iraq and Syria. He declined to estimate the strength



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Moving In: A Kurd watches as the Turkish army pursues the PKK into Iraq

forces ranged against them, but informed local sources said the army alone had at least 150,000 troops in the south-east.

It is a measure of the acute crisis in the region, and of the widespread fear of Turkey's strict anti-terrorism law, that businessmen, lawyers, lecturers and iournalists in Diyarbakir were all hesitant to offer an opinion on the Kurdish question, at least without the protection of anonymity. Even to utter the word "Kurdish" seems

fraught with risk, as was illus-Active "terrorist activity" can trated when a professor at Di-yarbakir University confessed be punished with 12 or 13 years in jail. Still harsher treatment that some of his students someawaits the three young men whose faces were displayed on a 'Wanted' poster at Diyarbakir times spoke, outside of class, "a language other than Tirkish". To support the PKK is to inairport last week, next to accucar the fall wrath of the Tarksations of "terrorist marder".

Liberal-minded academics and businessmen in Istanbul and Ankara pointed out that the heavier the state's repression of moderate Knrdish self-expression, the greater the risk that Kurdish lovalties would gravitate

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to the PKK. But Turkey's Foreign Minister, Coskun Kirca, said the liberals and their Western supporters failed to understand how serious a threat Knrdish autonomy would pose to Turkey's stability and integrity.

"Torkey is a unitary state, Mr Kirca said. The nation and republic are indivisible, as in France. Put it this way. France doesn't have enemies Britain doesn't have enemies and Spain doesn't have enemies.

IN BRIEF

US military loses legal privileges in Japan

Tokyo -- The US government attempted to quell escalating protests against its military presence in Japan by effectively waiving legal privileges extended to servicemen suspected of rape and murder, writes Richard Lloyd Parry. The US ambassador to Tokyo, Walter Mondale, and Yohei Kono, the Japanese Foreign Minister, announced the adjustment to the Status of Forces Aereement (Sofa), a bilateral accord which governs the treatment of servicemen suspected of crimes on Japanese soil. Under the wording of Sofa, military personnel wanted for questioning can remain in American custody until formally charged. The arrangement provoked outrage last month, after the rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl on the island of Okmawa, where three-quarters of US bases in Japan are concentrated.

Airships may transport troops and tanks

London — US defence chiefs are considering using giant airships up to a quarter of a mile (450 meters) long to transport troops and tanks to trouble spots, Jane's Defence Weekly reports. The magazine said companies that have discussed airship designs with the Defense Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff include Lockheed Martin Skunk Works, best known for its secret work on reconnaissance and Stealth aircraft.

Giuliani stands by his ban on Arafat

New York - Despite criticism from the Clinton administration, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is standing by his decision to throw PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat out of a concert held for the United Nation's 50th anniversary. "I am comfortable with my decision and very proud of it," Giuliani said, blaming the PLO for the killings of US citizens.

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Schoolgirl gets nine years for murder

Paris - A 14-year-old French girl was sentenced to nine years in prison in the eastern city of Nancy for murdering her class-mate after a dispute over a ruler. The girl, named only as Leila, was found guilty of strangling classmate Sabrina, whose body was discovered in the lavatory of their school last March. Reuter

Roh urged to apologise for slush fund

Seonl - South Korea's ruling party chairman has urged former President Roh Tae-woo to apologise and go into internal exile following a shish fund scandal that sparked national outrage. Angered at the scandal involving tens of millions of dollars, civil organisations and students have staged protests against Mr Roh. His predecessor, Chun Doo-hwan, was forced to retreat to a Buddhist monastery after he left office and became embroiled in a financial scandal linked to his relatives.

King Hassan admitted to hospital

Rabat — Morocco's 68-year-old King Hassan (right) has been ordered to receive treatment in a New York hospital after suffering from influenza which turned into a respiratory infection. An official statement, issued from New York where the king is attending the UN's 50th anniver-sary celebrations, said: "His Majesty was ordered by his private doctors to receive treatment in a New York hospital after he suffered from influenza which



turned into a sharp respiratory infection." Reuter

OAU tries to settle Zanzibar poll crisis Zanzibar - Organisation of African Unity officials mediated between Zanzibar's two main political parties to try to resolve a postelection crisis. The OAU team, observers at last Sunday's first multi-party polls on the islands since 1964, were shuttling between the parties and the embattled electoral commission which has failed to announce the final result. Analysis of the partial results already released confirmed an almost 50-50 split between the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) and the opposition Civic United Front (CUF). Some private Tanzanian media have already declared CUF's Seif Sariff Hamad the winner of the islands' presidency,

Peking steps up pressure in hunt for lama to the Panchen Lama and has



TERESA POOLE Peking

The Chinese authorities have appointed hardline monks to run one of Tibet's most important monasteries and have formally purged the abbot who is in charge of Peking's search for the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

The appointments could be a prelude to the Chinese government staging a religious lottery ritual to endorse its own new Panchen Lama, the second most important figure in Tibetan Buddhism. And that could bring Peking into confrontation with the Dalai Lama,

old boy, Gendun Choekyi Nyima, as the reincarnated lama. For five months the author-

ities have vilified the Dalai Lama, with scathing attacks in the media accusing him of flouting the traditional Tibetan procedures for discovering the reincarnation and of using the Panchen Lama search as part of a plot to "split China". China so far has not reject-

ed the little boy or come up with other candidates. Since May the boy and his parents have been detained, probably in Peking.
The acting abbot of Tashilhunpo monastery, Chadrel

Rimpoche, who had been lead-

for the new Panchen Lama, has also been detained since May, although Peking maintains he is "receiving medical care".

ish state. According to a lawyer

who said he had defended

clients accused of links with the

PKK, a prison sentence of up

to six years can be imposed on

a person who has given a PKK

member money or even bread.

Peking reportedly believes abbot Rimpoche informed the Dalai Lama that China was about to announce Gendun as the reincarnation, enabling the exiled leader to trump Peking. According to the London-based Tibet Information Net-

work (TIN), on 14 July abbot Rimpoche was removed as head of the Tashilhunpo Manage ment Committee, the official search committee and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Peking's biggest problem is

its own divination ceremony, it needs senior lamas to sanction the religious procedures. But there has been a virtual revolt by senior Tibetan monks, who have refused to reject the Dalai Lama's announcement of the little boy. There have been 48 reported arrests by the Chinese

nce the dispute erupted. Peking has now installed pro-Chinese Tibetans to run Tashilhunpo, the seat of the Panchen Lama, in Xigaze town.

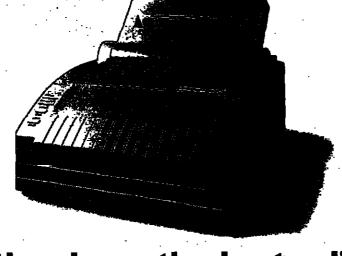
According to TIN, the new acting head of the monastery is Sengchen Lobsang Gyaltsen, a bitter opponent of the previous Panchen Lama. Sengchen has publicly supported the Chinese

also attacked the Dalai Lama. Another monk appointed to the Tashilhunpo Management Committee is a hard-liner who is opposed to any co-operation with the Dalai Lama. China says it has final say over senior lamas under a 1792 Qing

Dynasty agreement, under which Dalai and Panchen lamas were approved by Peking. It says an 18th-century golden urn must be used for the "shaking of the Golden Vase", during which the names of candidates are hidden in balls. Rumours in Peking are that China plans to hold such a ceremony, and that Gendun's name will not be on list of ca







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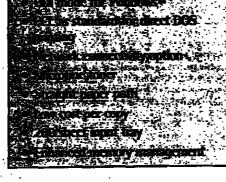
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The Very Rev Ronald Selby Wright

At a wedding reception in June, after the 84-year-old bridegroom had walked up the aisle in the beautiful medieval church at Aberlady, in East Lothian, with his grandson by his side as Best Man, I had my last conversation with the Very Reverend Moderator (for years my family had addressed him as "Moderator", as he liked to be called), Dr Ronald Selby

Well Moderator, have even you witnessed a groom with his grandson as Best Man walking up the aisle with his granddad?" "No," reflected Selby Wright. "I confess that I do not think that I have." And then, with a flash of that famous wit: "Perhaps I would, if I had been the minister, have married the bride to the grandson by mistake. That would have been awful, wouldn't it!" (Chuckle, chuckle.) Selby Wright then switched, as he so often did in his leg-

endary sermons, from the comic to the serious: "You know, even now I see, observe, or learn something new every day. That. Tam, is the secret of life. Look to the future. It keeps you young in mind. At 87, Selby Wright was as quizzical and humorous as he had always been. For 40 years

he was the minister of the Canongate in Edinburgh, a preacher so entrancing that people flocked to hear him. I asked him the secret of his preaching, "Do you really want to know? In 1940 I was padre to the 7th/9th Battalion of the Royal Scots in France. After a church parade, the RSM said out of the side of his mouth to me: 'Padre, you will fucking have to do fucking better than that for a sermon!" " Selby Wright continued: "So I applied myself and have done so ever since. The answer to your question is that my sermons required

sergeant-major who would say that kind of thing to me."

Thus started the radio padre of my childhood, and 55 years of a very special preacher who was reckoned by the BBC to be second only to the late Tommy Handley in popularity. He had some 10 million listeners. I am authorised by the Queen's Private Secretary to say that he was one of Her Majesty's favourite

Selby Wright was born into the Church of Scotland. His father, also Ronald, was one of the most gifted organists of the early years of this century. His mother, Sylvie, was the daughter of Major R.E. Selby, coming from a military family which included eminent Scottish divines steeped in the turbulent theological history of the 19thcentury Scottish Church. It was partly on account of this background that he edited Fathers of the Kirk (1960), a description of the 19th-century heavyweights of theological Scotland. He wrote in its foreword:

It must be clearly understood that the reformers believe that the continuity of the Church in Scotland was not broken by the Reformation, for it was by the Church herself that the

There was never any question of setting up a new church. The intention in the mind of the reformers was not to destroy the Church as a unit-ed and visible body, but to strength-en and perfect its organisation by purifying it from corruptions and restoring its Apostolic and primitive form. In the eyes of the reformers there was no real disruption at the Reformation - baptism and ordina-tion were held as valid and the Re-formed Minister emerged from the Roman priesthood.

The Church in England and the

Church in Scotland recognised each other's orders for years to come. As the Celtic Church had been joined with the Romanists, so the Romanist was in part absorbed into, in part superseded by, the reformed. The

hours of preparation. I did not church of Scotland counts itself as want to encounter another abranch of the Catholic Church Reformed, members of no national sect, but of the universal kirk. The Church of Scotland is not only nata, but semper reformanda.

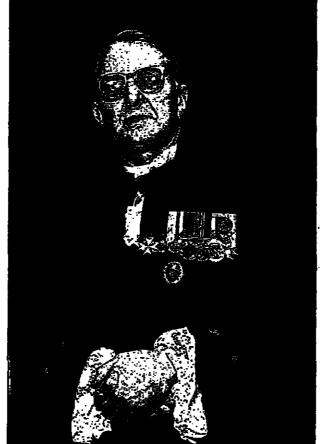
> It was no accident that Selby Wright was to be the first Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland ever to make an official visit to a Roman Catholic secondary school (St Augustine's in Edinburgh). In 1911 the family moved

> from Glasgow to Edinburgh, where Ronald got rigorous classical schooling at the Edinburgh Academy and Melville College. He proceeded to Ed-inburgh University, which a quarter of a century later was to bestow an honorary doctorate of College, the theological cradle in Edinburgh of the Kirk.

> Talent-spotted by the Very Reverend Charles Warr, minister of St Giles, Selby Wright was appointed student minister at the Edinburgh Cathedral Church from 1929 to 1936. Then he became assistant minister of St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow. Before he had had time to put his feet under the proverbial pew he was plucked back to Edinburgh as minister of the kirk of Canongate, within a stone's throw of Holyroodhouse, immersed in 700 years of Scottish history, but at that time a run-down inner-city

> marked Selby Wright as his own successor at St Giles, thought that he should come to know about the problems of a deprived parish, before succeeding him to the pomp and pageantry of the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and the Deanery of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. The fact that Selby Wright was never to become

Warr, who had probably ear-



Selby Wright in 1972, on beco Photograph: Daily Record

minister of St Giles is bound up with his parish experience and his determination not to desert the poor people of Edinburgh, and his work during the Second World War.

After appalling adventures at St Valery he somehow managed to escape from the oncoming German army - he ascribed it to Divine Providence - but after six days and nights "without

one kip", he told me, he got back to Britain on one of the last of the small craft from the Dunkirk beaches. In 1942 he became senior

chaplain of the 52nd (Lowland) Division and travelled to the Middle East and around the Mediterranean, particularly ministering to the British officers and men seconded to the

congregation – on account of his skill as a radio padre - was estimated at over 10 million, but perhaps his most moving broadcasts came from the transit camps in Italy, Austria and southern Germany. His book Let's Ask the Padre (1943) - he was a prolific pamphleteer and polemicist – was a brilliant summary of questions that "jocks, and anybody else" might ask before going into battle and facing the all-too-real possibility of death.

After hostilities had ceased,

Selby Wright returned to the Canongate church, though he could have had a choice of wealthy parishes throughout Scotland. With demonic energy he launched himself into the problems of people in the postwar world, and particularly the mending of families of servicemen who had been away for some years and returned to family situations very different from those they had left. Given that his own church was in terrible disrepair, he launched an appeal for the restoration of the Canongate. King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, were leading subscribers. Selby Wright set up a modest clergy house where he could welcome people beside his manse, and devoted most of the money to a new youth

In 1961, to commemorate his 25 years' ministry in the Canongate, Selby Wright was appointed by the Queen as one of her extra chaplains in Scotland. In 1963 he became Her Majesty's Chaplain and served the Royal Family until 1978.

Just before he reached his 65th birthday Selby Wright was made the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. By every criterion of scholarly preaching and pastoral care, he had deserved to become Moderator in any of the previous 15 years. The trouble was the whisper, But are we sure Ronnie is not too fond of his boys?" The question transfixed and enthralled Edinburgh society. In the early 1970s, for my

mother and many others of her generation, entry into the European Community was nothing like as difficult, or indeed as urgent, an issue as to whether Ronnie Selby Wright should accede to the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. Since there seemed to be little question and certainly no evidence that he had ever taken advantage of any of the innumerable boys who had benefited greatly from his care, the Kirk took the plunge and elected its first bachelor

Moderator. Cosmopolitan readers of obituaries in the Independent in 1995 might raise an eyebrow as to what on earth all the fuss was about, but it was a huge issue in the Scotland of 1972. Good sense and Selby Wright triumphed, and it was something of a landmark in progress. Selby Wright used his mod-

eratorship to great advantage for the Church. He made a three-week tour to India and brought home to the Church of Scotland the horror of the slums of Calcutta and Old Delhi. He revived the link between Scotland and the Church in India and breathed new life into the overseas connections of the Scottish Church. He made a point of visiting the Roman Catholic monks at Nunraw Abbey, a very ecumenical act before ecumenism was as

fashionable as it is now. But most of his official engagements concentrated on groups of young people. It en-capsulated Selby Wright's atti-

foldy, who gave eloquent testi-mony of the debt which many

owed to Birley as a teacher and

friend on the occasion of his

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Jam Jam in 1973 as Moderator was that he objected to criticism about the youth of the day. Modern youth, Selby Wright said, was very much more concerned with people than his generation had been when they were young and he asserted that they were more honest and more

straightforward. In his retirement he continued to accept the obligations of a much sought-after preacher, and he took on many of the tasks to reinstate the Old Town of Edinburgh, of which he knew

a great deal. Let the last word be with his occessor, the Rev Charlie Robertson, himself a truly excellent minister of the kirk "Selby Wright's style of ministry was idiosyncratic. But the principles of his ministry were faithiness, compassion, loyalty to the truth, a welcome for everybody and diligence to the work of the parish. As far as the Church is concerned and society was concerned, he was Canongate for 40 years when it was on its uppers. When I came to Canongate nobody could have been a truer friend or a better person to follow. He was a great encourager." A great encourager could be his epitaph.

Tam Dalyell

Ronald William Vernon Selby Wright, minister of the church: born Glasgow 12 June 1908; Minister of the Canongale, Ed-inburgh, and of Edinburgh Cas-tle 1936-77 (Emericus); Extra Chaploin to the Queen in Scotland 1961-63, 1978-95, Chaplain to the Queen 1963-78; CVO 1968; Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 1972-73; Chaplain to the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers 1973-93; died Edinburgh 24

Professor Eric Birley

Eric Birley dominated the study of the Roman army, of Hadrian's Wall and Roman frontiers in general for much of his 40 vears as a teacher at Durham University, interrupted only by six years of war service, when he was engaged in the study of the German army for Military Intelligence. He had an exceptional talent for seeing patterns. of careers, of promotions and of government, in a mass of unconnected detail. As the distinguished ancient historian Arnaldo Momigliano once observed, after a conducted tour of Hadrian's Wall, Eric Birley could reconstruct history from a pair of used railway tickets.

From a first it history aroused by Michael Holroyd, his tutor at Brasenose College, Oxford, Birley fell under the influence of Robin (R.G.) Collingwood for whom, though he had inherited at Oxford the mantle of the founder of modern study of the subject, Francis Haverfield, the study of Roman Britain was a diversion of the vacation from the serious business of philosophy. Introduced to Hadrian's Wall by Collingwood, the Lancastrian Birley purchased the house at Chesternolm that had belonged to the 19th-century antiquary Anthony Hedley; he was never to leave the Wall area, dwelling successively at Chesterholm. Durham, Corbridge, Durham again, Hexham and then finally back to the wall at Carvoran, where he died within three the concealed skeleton of a

spent several months watching fore he came to the north he construction work in the City of London on behalf of the Socicty of Antiquaries, from which time he gained the friendship of Mortimer Wheeler at the Lon-leader of "Limes" (or frontier)



in 1929. His mentor R. G. Collingwood stands on the far right

ported Roman "samian" potterv with moulded decoration. His appointment to a teaching post at Armstrong College, New-castle upon Tyne, part of Durham University, marked the start of that institution's leading role in Hadrian's Wall studies. Soon he transferred to Durham, to be replaced at Newcastle by Ian Richmond, a close colleague for more than 20 years.

The pre-war years were occupied with excavations on and around the Wall, at Chesterholm, Housesteads (in a house of the civil settlement he found months of his 90th birthday.

After graduation in 1928 he

murder victim), Corbridge and
Birrens in Dumfriesshire. Behad already begun his travels to the Roman frontier in Gerdon Museum and a lasting in- research in Germany. He con-

terest in the study of the im- tinued to visit the area from Durham, sometimes in company with Ronald Syme, a fellow student in Oxford and a lifelong friend. In the late summer of 1939 he was summoned back from the Congress of Classical Archaeology at Berlin by a telegram which, purporting to come from his wife Margaret, one of his first Newcastle students and forever known as Peggy, had in fact been sent from

War Office. During the Thirties Birley and Richmond added significantly to knowledge of the Roman frontier in northern Britain. They had both taken part in the Birdoswald excavation of 1929 under the direction of F.G. Simpson: Richmond drew the plans and Birley analysed the pottery for a report which finally defined the principal historical phases of Hadrian's frontier. A memorable photograph taken by Richmond shows Birley (wearing a hat) pointing at an "altar";

F.G. Simpson stands behind the altar facing the camera and on the far right is R.G. Collingwood. On the following day, when Collingwood had left for Oxford, it was discovered that the flagstones on which he and the altar stood were both inscribed and furnished vital evidence for dating the fort's

history. Birley also found time for his studies of samian pottery, even engaging successfully in a pro-longed dispute with Sir George Macdonald on the date of the Roman withdrawal from Scotland before the construction of Hadrian's Wall in AD122-126. Nor were his military studies neelected and he gained a European reputation through his grading in the vigintivirate; a critique of Herbert Nesselhauf's man singled out at that stage publication of the bronze tablets diplomas) recording the grants of citizenship to Roman auxiliaries, which even 60 years after can be read with profit.
The war years in Military In-

telligence took a toll of Birley's health and his post-war career was more than once interrupted by periods of recuperation following breakdowns caused by overwork. In 1945 he and Richmond resumed their collaboration in Wall studies. Birley turned from fieldwork to military studies and through a notable succession of papers, many drawing on his wartime experience of analysing a modern army, established his claim as the successor to the giants of an earlier generation, notably Alfred von Domaszewski, author of a fundamental study of the Roman military hierarchy, Die Ran-gordnung des Romischen Heeres. In a 1949 paper on the middle-ranking officers of the Roman army, Birley argued that the patterns of career and

tected served to dispose of an older notion that the commanders of auxiliary regiments and the like were gentleman amateurs. Some undoubtedly were but there was also, Birley argued, a pattern of selection and advancement where merit and experience counted more.

A few years later there was some resistance to the argument that a form of selection for the highest commands could be detected in the nattern of anpointments even for those who were yet to reach the threshold of public office and full membership of the senatorial order. The main lines of a man's career in the senatorial service were likely to be es could count on the emperor's backing through the series of senatorial magistracies, on early promotion to the consulate, and on the certainty of a consular command: only a change of emperors, or his own short-

comings, could change the pattern of a career mapped out for him at an age when the English schoolboy is likely to be seeking a scholarship at university. Some have challenged the notion of preselection for the imperial high command but Birley's analysis remains persuasive and has attracted many supporters.
At Durham, Birley will be re-

membered as the founder of that university's distinguished School of Archaeology, starting from a hut on the tennis court of Hatfield College (he was Master there until 1956), then moving to the Old Fulling Mill. alongside the river Wear below the towering west front of the cathedral. Before the war Birley could count several Durham pupils who had advanced to careers in archaeology, including

Peter Wenham (St John's, York), Kenneth Steer (Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments, Scotland), John Gillam and George Jobey (Newcastle University).

Birley was generous in ac-knowledging his own debts to his pupils over the years but those who had the unique privilege of his personal tuition gained an inspiration which lasted a lifetime. That was also true for several who heard his lectures on Roman history and archaeology given to German prisoners at Featherstone Park, near Haltwistle, in Northumherland, and subsequently advanced to senior academic posts st-war Germany

At Durham, many of Birley's pupils and friends were granted generous access to his own comprehensive indexes and working notes on the personnel of the Roman army, and also to his considerable personal library of books, periodicals and offprints. In addition to a succession of Durham pupils, he was also generous to many from farther afield who came for advice, including Margaret Roxan (London), Hubert Devijver (Belgium) and Geze Al-



Heidelberg in 1986. During his fifties, Birley gave more time to his studies of the northern antiquaries who had recorded so much of the Roman remains, and the results of his labours appeared in Research on

Hadrian's Wall (1961) which for some colleagues seemed too marginal in scope and to lack the utility of a full study of the Wall he might have written. Yet his choice of theme moved justified and the work has retained a lasting value, while the exposition of current knowledge he could have written might soon have been rendered obsolete by sensational discoveries at Vindolanda with which he was to be closely involved. He played a leading part in the life

of the northern societies. Many of his papers were published in their journals and he contributed to their proceedings, in lectures, in committees and on excursions, including the several pilgrimages to the Wall which he attended. Of all honours, he was most proud to have been elected President of the Dumfriesshire and Galloway Society, and of the Society of Antiquaries of

Newcastle upon Tyne. In 1974 he was elected Honorary Life President of the Congress of Roman Frontier Studies, a movement he had inaugurated at Newcastle in 1949, when he worked tirelessly to make possible the participation of many old friends and colleagues from all corners of post-war Europe, to the extent that the distinguished Hungarian scholar Anoccasion partly clad in Birley's demobilisation clothing.

For most of his life, Birley found recreation in the composition of light verse, and in 1980 his friends were surprised to receive his privately printed volume Fifty-one Ballades. In these he often made light of the over-earnest debating of historical or archaeological matters among colleagues. So on hearing the matter of the disapnearance of the Ninth Legion from Britain raised in argument he would often respond: 3

The Fate of the Ninth still engages The minds of both nitwits and sages; But that problem, one fears, Will be with us for years

His years of retirement as Hexham and latterly Carvoran were both happy and academically productive. He took great pride in the achievement of his younger son Anthony, biographer of Marcus Aurelius and Septimius Severus and editor of Ronald Syme's Collected Papers. He lived to see and study the sensational find of written documents made by his elder son Robin at Vindolanda and to admire the transformation of his old home Chesterholm into a museum and research centre for the Vindolanda Trust.

Eric Buley, historian, archaeologist: born Eccles, Lancashire 12 January 1906; Lectures, Durham University 1931-43, Reader 1943-56, Professor of Romano-British History and Archaeology 1956-71 (Emeritus), Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences 1968-71; FSA 1931; MBE 1943; Vice-Master, Hatfield College, Durham 1947-49, Master 1949-56; FBA 1969; married 1934 Peggy Goodlet (two sons); died Carvoran, Northum-

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

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EWARP: Gavin Buchanan, died suddenly in Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common, on Monday 23 October after an illness bravely borne. He will be so very sadly missed by Margot, Jane and Julian, his family and his many friends. The funeral service will be held on Monday 30 October at 11.45am at Putney Vale Crematorium and afterwards at the Dog & Fox, Wimbledon, Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Markoes Road, London W8, or donations to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common Northside, London SW4.

Professor

A. F. L. Beeston A memorial service for Alfred Felix

Landon Beeston FBA FRAS, Westminster Scholar, Christ Church 1929-33, James Mew Arabic Scholar 1934, Laudian Professor of Arabic 1955-78, Professorial Fellow 1955-78, Emeritus Fellow 1978-95, and Dean of Degrees 1969-95 at St John's College, will be held at the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, on Saturday 25 November at John's College Hall after the service.

Birthdays The Viscount of Arbuthnott, Lord-

Lieutenant of Grampian Region (Kincardineshire), 71; Mr John Ar-den, playwright, 65; Mr Kevin Bar-ron MP, 49; Mr Ian Chapman, deputy chairman, Orion Publishing Group, 70; Sir Percy Cradock, former Prime Minister's adviser on Foreign Affairs, 72; Mr Paul Daneman, actor, 70; Mr Bob Edwards, former deputy chair-man, Mirror Group, 70; Mr Edward Garnier MP, 43; Professor Robert Hinde, former Master, St John's College, Cambridge, 72; Mr Bob Hoskins, actor, 53; Sir Clifford Inniss. former Judge of Appeal, Belize, 85; Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable, Warwickshire, 62; Professor Arthur Lucas, Principal, King's College London, 54; Sir Donald MacDougall,

Sackville MP, Under-Secretary, De-partment of Health, 45; Lord Scan-

economist, 83; M François Mitter rand, former President of France, 79; Lord Molloy, former MP, 77; Mr Gy-orgy Pauk, violinist, 59; Mr Thomas

lon, former trade-union leader, 82; Sir Michael Wright, High Court judge, 63; Lord Wylie QC, a former senator of the Scottish College of Anniversaries

Births: Giusenne Domenico Scarlatti composer and harpsichordist, 1685; Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Shah of Iran, 1919. Deaths: William Hogarth, artist, 1764; Igor Ivanovich Sikorsky, helicopter pioneer, 1972. On this day: the Gunfight at the OK Corral took place, 1881; the Territorial Army was founded, 1907. Today is the Feast Day of St Bean, St Cedd, St Eata, Saints Lucian and Marcian and St Rusticus

Lectures

Oxford University (Examination Schools): Sir David Puttnam, "Sleeping with the Enemy? Coming to Terms with Television", Spm.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen, Patron, London Symphony Orchestra, attends a Cula Concert to mark the appointment of Str Cofin Davis as Principal Conductor, at the Barbisma. Lundon ECC. The Princess of Wales, an Vice-President, British Reaf Cross Society, attends the film premiere of Remoted in aid of the European Anorems Trust at the Europea Comm. Lesioners Square, London WCC. The Dulin of Work etitinads the Ammal Combined Mean Dimer and Tralaigar Night at Beitmania Royal Naval College, Darmounth, Devon. The Princent Manarate, Patrona, the Royal College of Nursing, visits To Mach, the Picadegards of the Weigh Board in Cardiff; and opens the Barry Hospital, Colcox

Road, Barry, South Glamorgan. The Duke of Glamoster attends a reception to celebrate the 10th Againventory of Arts, London WH. The Duchess of Kents presents the BT/Childline Awards for Ser-vices for Children, Hyan Carlton Ducer Heid, Lon-don SVII. Place Michael of Kent, President of Soldors' Sullous' and Alman's Families Associ-ation, attends a Council Meeting at SSAFA Central Office, London SEI.

Changing of the Guard

Pregnancy dismissal amounted to sex discrimination

Webb v EMO Air Cargo (UK) Ltd; House of Lords (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley); 19

promotion which could be de-

The pregnancy of a woman who had been engaged for an indefinite period of employment and who would thereby be unavailable for work at a time when to her knowledge she was particularly required was a circumstance relevant to her case of discrimination on the ground of her sex even though that circumstance could not be present in the case of the comparative

hypothetical man. The House of Lords allowed an appeal by Carole Louise Webb from decisions that she had not been discriminated on the ground of sex and remitted the case to an industrial tribunal to assess compensation.

EMO to replace a pregnant em-

maternity leave. Shortly after-

that she too was pregnant, her baby being expected at roughly the same time as the other employee. EMO dismissed her. Mrs Webb claimed that her dismissal constituted discrimination against her on the ground of her sex, contrary to section 1 of the Sex Discrimination Act On a reference to the Euro-

pean Court of Justice on the construction of article 2(1) of the Council Directive 76/207, the equal treatment directive, the ECI decided that there could be no question of comparing the situation of a woman who found herself incapable, by reason of pregnancy, of performing the task for which she was recruited, with that of a man similarly incapable for Mrs Webb was engaged by

medical or other reasons. The fact that the woman was ployee during the latter's initially recruited to replace another employee during the lat- woman's absence due to preg- precise test of unlawful diswards. Mrs Webb discovered ter's maternity leave could not nancy would have had the con-

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and the answer must be that ar- available for the whole of the ticle 2(1) read with article 5(1) precluded dismissal of an emplayee who was recruited for an unlimited term with a view, initially, to replacing another employee during the latter's maternity leave and who could not do so because, shortly after recruitment, she was herself found to be pregnant.

Laura Cox QC and Deborah King (Hillingdon Legal Resource Centre) for Mrs Webb; David Pannick QC (Treasury Solicitor) as amicus curiae.

Lord Keith said that it was apparent from the ECI's ruling that it was considered to be a relevant circumstance that Mrs Webb had been engaged for an indefinite or unlimited period. That suggested the possibility of a distinction between such a

affect the answer to be given; sequence of her being unwork for which she had been engaged. Such a situation might occur where the work was of a purely seasonal duration. If such a situation did not fall

to be distinguished, so that an

employer who failed to engage a woman who, due to pregnancy, would not be available for any part of the period of the proposed engagement was to be made liable for wrongful discrimination, the result would be likely to be perceived as unfair to employers and as tending to bring the law on sex discrimination into disrepute.

The ruling of the ECI prothe broad principles in articles 2(1) and 5(1). Sections 1(1)(a) and 5(3) of the Sex Discrimicase and the case where a nation Act 1975 set out a more

was how to fit the terms of that test into the ruling.

The only way was to hold that, where a woman was engaged for an indefinite period, the fact that the reason why she would be temporarily unavail-able for work at a time when to her knowledge her services would be particularly required was pregnancy was a circum-stance relevant to her case, being a circumstance which could not be present in the case of the hypothetical man.

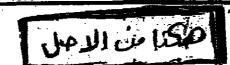
It did not necessarily follow that pregnancy would be a rel-evant circumstance where the woman was denied employment for a fixed period in the future during the whole of which her pregnancy would make her unavailable for work, nor where after engagement for such a period the discovery ceeded on an interpretation of of her pregnancy led to cancellation of the engagement.

Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Mustill and Lord Slynn agreed.

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The highly Euro-sceptic Referendum Party should not be dismissed as the political whim of an ageing playboy, says John Rentoul

Sir James prepares to take on the world

trade and having been animated by the debate over the Maastricht glossy profile of Britain's richest parliamentary candidate. The Member of the European Parliament and former international financier launched himself into British politics yesterday with full-page advertisements in all the broadsheet papers declaring that the Referendum Party – of which he is the founder and leader - will field candidates, including

himself, in the next general election. Sir James Goldsmith thus becomes a prototype British version of the Nineties-style businessman-turnedpolitician, bearing a striking sim-larity to Ross Perot, the independent US presidential candidate; Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian prime minister, and Bernard Tapie, Goldsmith's French semi-compatriot.

The son of Frank Goldsmith Tory MP for Stowmarket, 1910-18 James started making money while still at Eton, winning £8,000 on horses. He made an estimated \$2bn as an international deal maker, but always held strong opinions, and after he sold most of his companies in 1987 - just before the Wall Street crash - he began to develop his economic and political views. Paradoxically, the philosophy that emerged was a reaction against the globalisation of markets from which he had profited so hugely.

Two years ago he published a book entitled *The Trap*, arguing against free trade, and this year he published a sequel, The Response, a book-length reply to the many critics he had provoked. His arguments have been facilely dismissed as the lengthy monologues of a vanity publisher: in fact his challenge to the long-dormant orthodoxy of free trade has exposed some of the flabbiness of conventional wisdom. He argues, with tenacious persuasiveness and a battery of facts and statistics, that the opening up of world trade to 4 billion low-wage workers in China and East Asia threatens not just the economic prosperity of the West but its social cohesion, too. This last point contains an echo of the "communitarian" ideas that have influenced

But Goldsmith's views have led him in a rather different direction. He funded the Euro-sceptic European Foundation, and at last year's Tory conference he joined Lord Tebbit and Bill Cash on the platform at the biggest and most heated Euro-sceptic fringe meeting. He sees the European Union as fatally attached to the principle of free treaty, has thrown himself into work-

ing to change it. He successfully stood for the European Parliament last year at the head of a list of 13 MEPs in France, and formed an alliance with a few Danish and Dutch MEPs to form the anti-federalist Groupe Europe des Nations, of which he is president. Now his pan-European political ambitions have turned to Britain and the effect on his new-found Eurosceptic allies has been dramatic.

tics, has provoked public fury from Conservative anti-Europeans and the rival Euro-sceptic UK Independence Party. Dr Alan Sked, the UKIP leader, dismissed it as "the politics of Sunset Boulevard practised by an ageing playboy plutocrat". But some Tory MPs privately welcome his attempt to put pressure on their less robust colleagues. Goldsmith's party will stand in all seats where the sitting Tory or Labour MP is "not committed to a fair referendum on the Maastricht Treaty".

spoiling operations in British poli-

Referendum candidate - the threat does not amount to much. He defends a majority of nearly 20,000. Similarly, despite the Referendum Party's insistence that it is not targeting the Tory party, most Labour MPs watch the show with amused indifference - it is not their voters who are likely to be tempted away. Fringe candidates in the British electoral system tend not to gain sig-

nificant numbers of votes, but Gold-

Sir Alan Walters, Margaret Thatchsmith claims he will match the main er's former economic adviser, as the parties' election spending. The fact that he himself will be a candidate, possibly against Virginia Bottomley in Surrey South-West or against Jeremy Hanley in Richmond, south London (where he has just one of his many houses), will add to the drama.

Some Tory MPs in marginal seats are worried about Goldsmith and furious with Tories who support him. Gerald Howarth, the right-wing former MP for Cannock who is now the candidate for the safe Tory seat of Aldershot, is a particular target of their anger. Mr Howarth's pubacts for Goldsmith. While Mr Howarth insists that he has "absolutely nothing to do" with the Referendum Party, his company's assistance for a man who is putting up candidates against his own party causes deep resentment. "I can see there are Conservatives who are distressed," he says, but goes on: "It behoves us all to ask ourselves whether the people should be denied a referendum."

Teresa Gorman, the former Eurorebel Tory MP who recently introduced a private member's bill to hold a referendum on Europe, echoes his point. "I don't agree

could crystallise the resolution of my more wobbly colleagues," she says.

Other Tory Euro-sceptics have publicly rebuked Goldsmith because they think his tactics are counterproductive. They fear Referendum candidates will siphon off Tory votes and let in "federalist" Labour or Liberal Democrat MPs. John Redwood, who challenged for the Tory leadership on an anti-Brussels ticket in July, and Norman Lamont, his supporter-in-chief, tried to persuade Walters not to challenge Clarke. "It's a thoroughly regrettable idea," said Lamont. "Sir James and the likes of Sir Alan Walters ought to concentrate on defeating the Labour Party at the next election. The main threat of further integration in Europe comes from the Labour Party."

However, this is not just an argument about tactics. A party formed to pursue a single objective - a ref-British animal. But lying behind that objective is the question of Goldsmith's real views on Europe. Here the Euro-sceptic cause, of which he seems a potential leader, starts to fragment.

His hostility to global free trade means he is in favour of a European free market surrounded by a tariff wall - which runs directly counter to most sceptics' desire to see Britain as the "Hong Kong of Europe", competing with the world. Sked, his rival as leader of the UK Independence Party, pours scorn on Goldsmith's claim to be a Euro-sceptic. "Goldsmith wants to see a 'Fortress Europe', a strengthened Europe, with powers simply transferred from the Commission to the Council of Ministers," he says.

Goldsmith's political views are, in fact, entirely unclassifiable in British terms. His emphasis on the damage done to the Third World by Western culture partly reflects ecological themes long advocated by his older brother, Teddy Goldsmith. And his advocacy of protection for a highwage European economy finds stronger echoes in today's Labour Party than with the Tories.

At present the heat seems to be going out of the European issue, making it most likely that Goldsmith's venture will be condemned to "interesting fringe party" status. But if the single European currency suddenly becomes more likely, or if new plans come up at next year's Inter-Governmental Conference. then Goldsmith's contacts and money could act as a catalyst for wider changes.



The Goldsmith circle



Lord McAlpine







Virginia Bottomley









DAVID LISTER

Office workers who have successfully campaigned for no-smoking workplaces, beware! We are about to be threatened by passive mousing. The nostril-boggling idea is to give mousemats - the foam-backed plastic mat on which a computer "mouse" rests - their own distinctive fragrances. The Woking-based company Bourne, Europe's largest promotional product firm, is about to launch no fewer than 3,000 different mousemat fragrances, and will reustom-produce other smells on request. The fragrance is released when you wheel the mouse about, which also helpfully and pungently informs the boss

The most popular fragrances, already in use on the Continent apparently, are lemon, apple, coconut and something called "Wall Street", which smells of money. So there it is: the hi-tech office of tomorrow will be awash with the scent of fruit and used fivers. Except at my work station. I have requested a mousemat with ageing skunk, so the bosses will give my desk a wide berth.



Cerebral lusting ... Byatt turned on by John Donne

I am no great authority on what excites adolescent girls. Truth to tell, I was no great authority when I was an adolescent boy. But the novelist AS Byatt is. She has been one herself, and, anyway, female novelists know about these things. Miss Byatt is taking part in the BBC's Keats season, reappraising an ode or two. She told me over an unlikely breakfast discussion that for all Keats being the great romantic poet, adolescent girls tend not to like him because they are rather afraid of him, "all that blood and sweat and liquid, it's frightening for them". So, who are the literary figures that

young girls dream about today?

Inevitably, AS Byatt tells me, Darcy from Pride and Prejudice, with his smouldering passion, mysterious past and bi-weekly television exposure, remains at pole position. The similarly smouldering Mr Rochester from Jane Eyre is not far behind.

In her own youth, she recalls, she was turned on by John Donne's eroticism". My own small, unscientific survey of ABC1 women shows smouldering is still in fashion with Rochester, Darcy and Heathcliff maintaining their pulling power. None of my respondents shared AS Byatt's ccrebral lusting after Donne. But a few, surprisingly, had a thing for Holden Caulfield, the tormented,

inexperienced teenage hero of The Catcher In The Rye. All very confusing. The one unifying factor was that not a single literary figure from the past 40 years tickles a young girl's fancy.

The only advice I can proffer to adolescent girls is never have an affair with a rakish young actor. They tend to get famous, get knighted and write an autobiography. Sir Robert Stephens's decision belatedly to tell all must be alarming some notable middle-aged ladies. I have always thought it rather

unfair that there is no legal redress to prevent one's extra-curricular indiscretions being recorded in another's memoirs. So I was prepared to feel sorry for Lady Antonia Fraser, who features as one of Sir Robert be-published book. But my sympathy is tempered by Lady Antonia's reported response to Stephens 20 years ago when he asked her if she wasn't taking a risk, her then husband being a Conservative MP. Don't worry, she told him revealingly, the papers never print anything about the wives and families of members of the House of Commons. Suddenly, 1975 seems light years away.

Raymond Gubbay, the classical music promoter, is refreshingly unafraid of cocking a snook at his colleagues in the arts. He is advertising his production of La Bohème at the Royal Albert Hall next February, with its cut-price tickets, by saying: "You don't need to have three

The fibe at the £350 top prices for next year's Three Tenors concert at Wembley did not amuse Gubbay's sponsors for La Bohème, the Daily Telegraph. Their marketing chiefs told him they thought it less than witty and that it should not be repeated. How po-faced of them. The Daily Telegraph, incidentally, is sponsoring one other musical event next year: The Three Tenors at Wembley.

Paul Burget, chairman of Sony Music UK, is the new man in charge of the Brits pop music awards. For

next year's competition Mr Burger has introduced a new rule. The media will not be supplied with a list of the winners before the event, but will have to wait until the awards are presented during the evening. This apparently will "add to the suspense and excitement of the show". Quite how a few journalists knowing the results a few hours in advance detracts from the excitement. I'm not sure. But I wonder whether Mr Burger understands what not giving advance results to the media means. The event will miss at least two editions of most national newspapers, so people in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and much of England will read no report of the show at all. A brilliant way for the music industry to publicise itself.

A word in the ear of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. In his dispute with Derek Lewis, the man he sacked as head of the prison service, Mr Lewis is represented by the civil service First Division Association, and Mr Howard by the Treasury Solicitor. And who represents the Treasury Solicitor? None other than the First Division Association. The permutations would have delighted Sir Humphrey.

The new and last album from Queen is released next month. I had a sneak preview this week and found that far from being a marketing ploy, it is extremely good, with Freddie Mercury in passionate and hearty voice on tracks recorded just weeks before his death from Aids.

Queen's manager, Jim Beach, recalls that Mercury had deteriorated physically and on many days was too weak to get to the recording studio. Indeed, the other members of the band would wait around in Montreux where Mercury was living, never knowing from day to day whether he would have the energy to make an арреагансе.

But his voice remained as strong as it ever was right until the end. It must have been a strange sight: a dying man, physically destroyed, belting out 11 full-throated rock songs. The result is a moving and worthy legacy.



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Prolonged, stormy race ahead

In the bad old days of the Soviet Communist Party, the transcribers of the interminable speeches made by the general secretary to the faithful used to amuse themselves by inserting audience reactions at regular intervals. Conventions dictated three levels of response: applause, stormy applause and prolonged stormy applause.

Had such a transcription been made of Michael Howard's address to a rather different conference this autumn, it would have noted the listeners' reactions to the Home Secretary's condemnation of racism as "applause". But his determination to crack down on illegal immigration? That rated "prolonged stormy applause". This, then, is the Conservative Party: a bit tough on racism, but far tougher on what it claims is the cause of racism - immigration itself.

It now seems inevitable that the Tories intend to make the question of immigration an election issue. For months now, "sources" from within the Government have been engaged in a most unusual exercise – briefing selected newspapers that a policy is not working. Month after month, stories have appeared drawing attention to the heightened cost and growing numbers of political asylum seekers, to the backlog of appeal cases, to the ineffectiveness of policing procedures. Each time these have been accompanied by hints as to what might appear in a new immigration Bill to be outlined in the Queen's Speech this autumn. Benefits will be cut for those on appeal against Home Office decisions, benefits will reduced on entry, there will be no oral appeals, there will be an "audit of tyranny" establishing places where there is nothing to flee from and so on. Howard the Scourge of Criminals now turns his avenging gaze on the immigration cheats.

How bad have things become? Apparently, the numbers of those seeking political asylum in Britain have climbed substantially this year. At the same time, the numbers of those seeking asylum in other European Union countries have dropped. QED: for once, those softies on the Continent have got it right while we - kind, liberal Britons - are a soft touch. The trend must be reversed, right?

Actually, the numbers are increasing from a low of just over 22,000 in 1993. Last year they had risen to 32,000. The current level might give a figure for 1995 of about 38,000 - all compared with a peak of 45,000 in 1990. In Germany the figures have indeed fallen - but to an annual rate of 130,000. In the Netherlands it was 52,000 in a country with less than a third of our population. So the tough Europeans are still processing many more would-be refugees than we are.

The estimated cost of welfare benefits

to asylum seekers is £150m per year. But only a small proportion of this would be recouped by replacing such benefits with an "asylum-seekers' allowance". And there is no evidence whatsoever that such a cut would do anything to reduce

the flow of those seeking asylum. If the numbers are not great and the potential savings not enormous, why such investment of political capital in this area by the governing party? Because, as Mr Howard said last week, "my determination to improve race relations by firm immigration controls is at the centre of our approach". In other words, if people believed immigration was rising too fast, then racial tension might rise.

How odd that the Government seems so assiduously to have fostered exactly this perception. But then, Mr Howard has always had an ear for stormy, pro-

Work is a four-letter word

e are working more and more, to less and less effect. That is the underlying message of today's survey, carried out by a recruitment organisation, which shows that a quarter of white-collar workers put in more than 50 hours a week in the office. Few of them believe that either their careers or their work benefit, while almost everyone agrees that family life and personal relations suffer.

It is worth considering why this is happening and whether it can be stopped. At first sight the process seems to have an inexorable, lunatic logic of its own, like the growth of peacocks' tails, or the spread of ever more sophisticated word-processing software with which to write simple memos. In both these cases, evergreater resources are poured into some largely futile activity, not because the benchis of success are large or even noticeable, but because the penalty for falling behind competitors is terrible. If Tench in marketing can put in 50-hour weeks. then Snooks in the central administrative unit had better stick around for 55 hours - providing, of course, that their superiors work a 60-hour week and thus are

available to notice this zeal. And, for the most part, their bosses will notice. It is striking that the hours worked by white-collar workers now increase as these workers rise through the organisation. This is a complete contrast to the former modus operandi in most large firms, where the disagreeable work was done at the bottom and as much of it as possible was extorted from the workers.

On a global scale this still happens. But within Britain there is not so much of that

kind of exploitation left. The increasing globalisation and efficiency of the economy means that the jobs left in countries such as Britain are, for the most part, those which cannot be done by machines. The jobs that remain to be done by humans tend to demand flexibility of role and responsibility. Thus working hours are defined by the demands of the job and these can, in principle, be almost infinite.

There have always been some jobs like this, such as a priest's and an army officer's, but both these professions have tended to come with an assumption that a wife would submerge her own job entirely to her husband's profession. Anyone who has run their own business also knows that working time obliterates the social hinterland, although the effect on relationships and families is different where other members of the family form part of the working unit.

When both partners in a marriage have demanding professional jobs, the difficulties can be considerable, particularly with regard to childcare. Yet it is hard to see what can stop the spread of working hours. The answer, however, lies in the small print of the report. If it is true, as everyone involved seems to agree, that working as long as possible leads to the job being done worse, then the same demands for professional excellence as started this trend will tend to limit it. Soon, we hope.

ANOTHER VIEW Lord Mackay of Clashfern

A responsible divorce law

should like to reaffirm my commitment and that of the Government to marriage. The Government wants to strengthen the institution of marriage -

marriage is most important and valuable. I have recently assumed responsibility for funding marriage guidance. My department is now chairing a group set up to look at ways to support people preparing for marriage, as well as those who are

already married and need help.
I consider that parties whose marriage is in difficulties should give very serious thought indeed as to whether the breakdown is indeed irretrievable and also look ahead to what the future holds beyond divorce. That is the purpose of the period for reflection and consideration which lies at the heart of my proposals for reform

of the divorce law. In this way, couples will face up to the responsibilities of marriage and the reality of divorce, unlike at present when there is every incentive to rush into a quick divorce, only to repent at leisure.

There seems to be the assumption that in some way the presence of fault within the present system supports the institution of marriage and reduces the number of marriages which break down. That is

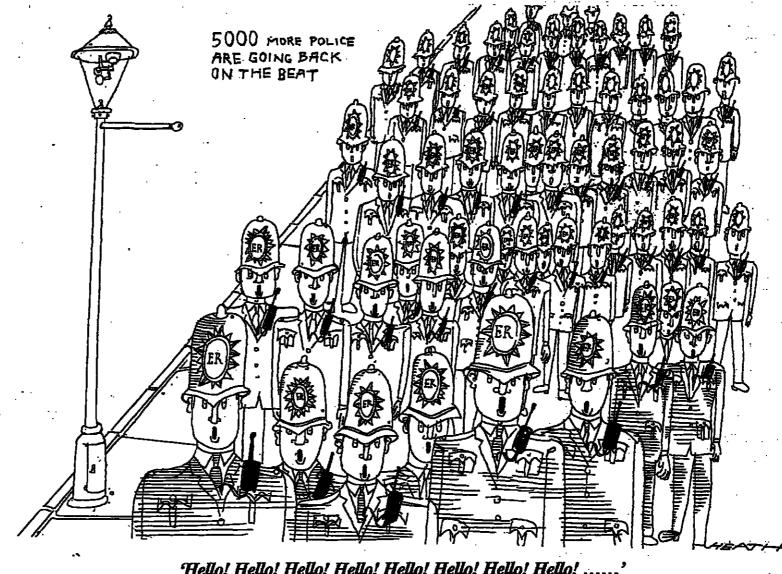
plainly nonsense. Fault within the present system is clearly not a restraining factor. Seventyfive per cent of divorces are based on fault, quite simply because fault offers the fastest route to divorce - that is the irony

of the present system. How can it be said that allegations made only for the purpose of a quick divorce are good for marriage when marriage is made up of human beings – the parties and their children? Allegations of fault lead to sterile and bitter conflict which only reinforces the determination of one or both parties to end the marriage and

has a serious effect on the children. The divorce system in this country can and should be better. Better for marriage; better for the children; better for the parties. The process for dissolution of marriage should be more considered and

more responsible. Marriage and family life is not just the responsibility of the state and of the law of the state. They are the responsibility of all of us. The Government is now playing its part. It is making a concerted effort to look at how best those preparing for mar-riage can be helped; how best those whose marriages are in difficulties can not only be supported but encouraged to seek help in good time; how best to ensure that only those marriages which are irretrievably broken down are dissolved.

The writer is the Lord Chancellor



Hello! Hello! Hello! Hello! Hello! Hello! Hello! Hello!

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Global tax for multinationals | Precipitate

From Mr Ronald Dore Sir: Lord Desai (letter, 24 October) surely accepts the inevitability of our present-day international monetary system all too easily. Perhaps the removal of national capital controls was inevitable and irreversible, but does it have to be to unregulated markets that nation states surrender control?

What about the potential monitoring role of international organisation? Take those 200 global corporations. Everybody knows that they contrive to declare a good part of their profits not where they make them, but where they are least taxed. They can thus hold national states upto ransom. California tried taxing them on global, rather than local, profits, and came a bad cropper. Only a global taxing authority can

Surely the 50th anniversary of

ing about how that might be done. It's not beyond the wit of man to devise an international agency that taxes the major multinationals on their global earnings and divides the proceeds on some kind of where-the-value-wasadded basis - with a 5 per cent cut for UN peace-keeping. It may not be beyond the wit

the UN is a time to start think-

of man, but it is well beyond political acceptability to the US and its faithful allies. Is it not time the smaller states started thinking of building a counter-force? We didn't make progress in Britain until the barons started ganging up on King John and gave us Magna Carta. RONALD DORE London School of

Economics London, WC2 24 October

The vision of the Crystal Palace

From Mr Owen Luder Sir: The proposal to build a replica Crystal Palace would be a great mistake and a major misuse of lottery funds. However, this magnificent site has been neglected for far too long. What is required is a new, breathtaking, imaginative building that will echo in modern terms the vision and progressive technology of the original Crystal Palace.

Here is an opportunity for an international competition for a new building designed for mod-ern needs that will be as outstanding an architectural landmark as Paxton's creation was in 1851.

We do not need a tired, unconvincing pastiche replica of a past era that cannot be resurrected. Let's celebrate the future at the millennium, not the past. Yours sincerely.

Owen Luder President Royal Institute of British Architects London, W1

23 October

From Mr Ken Lewington Sir. Further to your article of 18 October ("Crystal Palace may rise from the ashes", 18 October) and subsequent correspondence (21 October), it would seem appropriate to draw the attention of your readers to the fol-

lowing points: If Sir Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace is rebuilt using Millennium Commission funds. it will be at one of the four shortlisted sites, ie Derby, Birmingham, Greenwich or Stratford - not at Sydenham.

Any building erected on the Sydenham site must, in accordance with the Bromley London Borough (Crystal Palace) Act 1990 reflect the architectural

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style of the original Crystal Palace. Two earlier schemes (1989 and 1991) complied with this Act, but they were roundly condemned by the Royal Fine. Art Commission and English Heritage as committing an "aesthetic crime" and making a

"mockery" of the original. Lord St John of Fawsley described the proposals as "a petty, scaled-down mimicry of some superficial Victoriana". Bromley has now submitted an outline application to the Hera point. itage Lottery Fund prior to a full Yours sincerely,

bid for £8-12m to re-landscape Crystal Palace Park. 2001 marks the 150th anniversary of the Great 23 October Exhibition - the vision of Prince Albert, Sir Henry Cole and Sir Joseph Paxton. Crystal Palace Park deserves not only the superb restoration protect that has been proposed by Bromley, but also a ouilding to stir the spirit, enrich the mind and transform the soul of south-east London as we enter the new millennium. Yours faithfully.

KEN LEWINGTON Crystal Palace Triangle Community Association Newsletter London, SE19 22 October

From Mr J. Michael Sharman Sir: In her article on the Crystal Palace (18 October), Marianne Macdonald describes it as "the first prefabricated building". My grandfather, Sir Edwin Airey. who designed and built Airey houses all over the country after the war, would never willingly allow them to be called "prefabs". "All houses are prefabricated," he would say. "It just depends on the size of the bits." How many bricks, for example, are actually made on the site of the building? Yours faithfully J. MICHAEL SHARMAN Rufforth York

Sting in the tale

19 October

From Mr Peter Donaghy Sir: I read with interest your reference to the suggestion in court that Sting's A-level in economics should have helped him to have a better understanding of his financial documents ("Sting's adviser jailed for £6m theft from star", 18 October). As Gordon Sumner's former teacher of A-level economics, I would have willingly given evidence to the

fact that his course contained no reference to personal finance. concentrating as it did on macroeconomics. However, it provided him with a sound appreciation of the workings of the balance of payments, as his positive contribution to Britain's visible and invisible earnings perhaps gives

testimony. Yours faithfully. PETER DONAGHY Newcastle upon Tyne 22 October

Put Hansard on the Internet action on Pill

From Dr Brian G. Hands Sir: I wish to express my disquiet about the way the Secretary of State for Health handled the withdrawal of the "dangerous" oral contraceptives. There was no need to precipitate anxieties bordering on hys-

teria by asking women to present to their GPs in their current month's supply, thus suggesting that there was a degree of urgency. A large number of women have been on these pills for a considerable number of years and it would have been reasonable to advise them to see access and cost. their GPs as their renewals

became due. It is also debatable whether one should act on unpublished data. On the other hand, there is a good deal of published data to suggest that older antidepressants have a dreadful incidence of fatality in overdose as compared with the newer. This is far greater than the increased thrombosis freedom-of-information legislarisk with any oral contraceptives but there has been no attempt to blacklist the dangerous older

drugs is about 10 times greater than that of the older. As there has not been a similar move to ban the more dangerous cheap drugs, perhaps the cynics who say the oral contraceptive bans have a cost-saving elèment (about £25m) do have

drugs. The cost of the newer

Brian G. Hands Willington, Derbyshire

From Dr Robert Donnelly Sir: Your article covering the recent Committee on Safety of Medicines advice on certain combined oral contraceptives included a table of contraceptives ("Women still haunted by the risk factor", 20 October) which categorised products according to their safety yet failed to include Cilest.

The CSM advice was based on three new studies which indicate that combined oral contraceptives containing desogestrel and gestodene were associated with increased risk of thromboembolism compared to other progestogens. An annexe page attached to the CSM advice lists the seven brands affected by this new information and states that No change in prescribing practice is required for any other combined oral contraceptive". Since Cilest has not been shown to present an increased risk of thromboembolism it should be included as an unrestricted product in

your tables. Yours faithfully, ROBERT DONNELLY Medical Director Janssen-Cilag High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire 20 October

From Mr Horace Mitchell tion, but in order to stimulate Sir: The Campaign for Freedom the use of Internet and related of Information is right to lobby

for Hansard to be available free of charge on the Internet and to challenge the Government's present stance that departments and agencies should aim to make money from the sale of public information ("Hansard 'should be on Net' ", 17 October). Hansard's £11.70 a day is certainly a bit steep for finding out what our legislators are up to - especially when Hansard is created electronically before it goes into paper form. But there's a rationale even stronger than that of

The United States takes a diametrically opposite line, requiring its equivalent of information available online at no more than a cost recovery charge (which for many purposes means free of charge). What is interesting is that the reason for doing this is not, as one might assume, to conform to

technologies. The US recognises that effective use of these methods is central to future economic and trade success. As a result of this and other

initiatives, over 25 per cent of US managers and professionals already use these networks and are accessible by electronic mail, compared with around 2 per cent of their UK counterparts. In addition, use of computer networks in the US is still accelerating faster than in the UK. Some months ago Michael

Heseltine promised us an Information Society Initiative. He would do well to start by unscrambling the present selfdefeating approach of seeking to HMSO to make all government get money back from the taxpayer for information paid for from taxes in the first place. Yours faithfully, HORACE MITCHELL

Chairman Global Highways Business Group Newbury 18 October

Child labour in Portugal

From Mr Rui Knopfli Sir: I am writing with reference to your article on child labour in Portugal ("Portugal's children reap bitter harvest", 17 October . Of course, there is no denying the existence of child labour in Portugal. However, your article fails to convey a few important facts that could help to clarify the

First, this kind of work is not a widespread phenomenon but occurs only in very specific areas of northern Portugal. And sec-ond, you do not refer to any measures already taken to combat the

These includes legislative measures, such as the "Time to Grow" campaign, the strength-ening of labour inspection and increasing the years of compulsory schooling from six to nine, so that no one can work before the age of 16 without proof of having attended school. As a result of these and other measures, child labour has decreased substantially in last two years.

The efforts of the Portuguese government to combat the problem were recognised by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on 7 June 1995 when it noted with satisfaction the campaigns conducted against ... child labour". Yours faithfully,

RUI KNOPFLI Press Counselfor Portuguese Embassy London, SW1

Freely given

From Mr John Wicks Sir: The National Blood Authority says the only alternative to selling surplus blood products is to destroy them (20 October). Has the authority not considered that what has been gladly and freely donated could be given as

freely to others? I have no objection to my blood being used to help Turkish as well as British people. I have every objection to it being sold to them. Yours faithfully, JOHN WICKS Reading 20 October

Lottery promotes wishful thinking

From Mr Robin P. M. Clarke Sir. It is not only the "Churches [that] unite to attack 'damaging' lottery" (25 October) but also non-religious people such as myself. The most profound prob-lems with the National Lottery are not only that it is a tax on stupidity, but that it promotes greed, selfishness and wishful thinking and undermines the motivating forces that lead to achievement. Add to these the problems of gambling, addiction and loss of charitable contributions, and the case for abolishing the lottery is unambiguous.

People have a right not to be pestered by instant delusion at every post office and supermarket. Those who want to gamble should do so in more discreet circumstances and not under the auspices of the state. Yours sincerely. ROBIN P. M. CLARKE

Birmingham

From Dr A. R. Cadarny Sir: Your editorial "No charity for lottery winners? (24 October) states that everyone can join in the argument about who receives lottery cash. It would be a simple matter for Camelot to give everybody a democratic say in the distribution by adding a line of boxes for different categories of recipient: arts, medical, poverty and so on. These boxes would be filled in at the time the ticket is completed and counted on the same computer that registers the numbers. The proceeds would be distributed in proportion. How democratic could it get - taxation and representation.

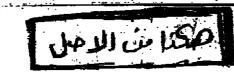
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Meanwhile, I continue to make sure that charities get 100 per cent of my contributions. Yours faithfully, A. R. CADAMY

Keighley, West Yorkshire

From Mr Len Salem Sir. All this controversy over the distribution of National Lottery proceeds could easily be avoided (and much administrative expense saved) if the recipients were chosen by means of ... a lottery. Yours faithfully, Len Salem London, W5



Let's leave race out of immigration policy

Britain cannot be a global economic player by trading on racism. It's time for some honesty in this debate

Who are we? We are a youthful, open country, optimistically agape to the global economy, mustardkeen to grab the challenge of the Asian century. So the Prime Minister assures us. But at the same time we are an old, closed country, hostile to foreigners; so the Home Secretary reas-

We cannot be both. We cannot rat on our moral obligations to Indian and Chinese Hong-Kongers and be an influential, respected player in the developing Asian game. We cannot be a bubbling international entrepôt where cultures meet and the world does business, but which is also neurotically keen to keep out "darkies" and people with funny voices. It does not

But John Major, Michael Howard and their colleagues have breezily decided to ignore this disabling contra-diction. A fortnight after Major's vis-ion of Britain as the "enterprise centre for Europe", he is preparing for an asylum and immigration measure as the centrepiece of his new legislative package. What style. What breadth of vision. What an uplifting sense of pri-

It is necessary, though. We need to protect ourselves against a tidal wave of liars and scroungers, don't we? Well, there is indeed a staggering fact, made much of by the Home Office and certain Tory MPs: only 4 per cent of supplicants are granted asylum. That is right; four bleeding per cent, mate. So 96 per cent are scroungy, sneaky, pinko-darkie pyjama-trousered troublemakers. It's eeding disgrace, innit?

Well no, actually. Only a couple of Once you start to include geopolitics ations of these proposals, as they

If Lamberto Dini's government falls in today's parliamentary no-confi-

dence vote, it will spark far more than

just another Italian political crisis. This

time, it spells serious trouble. Three

years after the collapse of the old polit-

ical order under a sea of corruption

scandals, Italy is further than ever

from creating the healthy new democ-

As a non-political premier, Mr Dini

was supposed to have been the man

to dig Italy out of the last hole it fell

into following the resignation of his

now, buffered by inter-party rivalities

in the country's hopelessly divided par-liament, he looks likely to fall victim

to the same process of political melt-

down that led to his appointment in

The timing could not have been

worse, since the 1996 budget - crucial

to keeping Italy's runaway public

The debate risks

poisoning the very

foundations of

democracy

deficit in check - lies undebated by parliament and if the government

falls, risks being scuppered altogether.

That, in turn, is likely to send the lira

and Italy's stock and bond markets

into a tauspin and put the country's

But, even more seriously, the cata-

lyst for today's no-confidence vote -

has sparked a furious debate about the

impartiality of the judiciary and the

high institutions of the state, which in

turn risks poisoning the very founda-

It has been an extraordinary debate. Mr Mancuso, an unelected and

magistrates who single-handedly

brought down the old political order

with their anti-corruption investiga-

tions, and who are generally regarded

Over the spring and summer, Mr Mancuso launched wave after wave of

inspections on the Milan team. There

may have been some substance to his

suspicions - after all, it would be aston-

ishing if a handful of investigating

magistrates could bring a whole polit-

ical generation to book without break-

ing a few rules. But Mr Mancuso did

by public opinion as heroes.

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racy it had hoped for.

years ago, about half of the people seeking asylum qualified or were given 'exceptional leave to remain" here. Now, of the 60,000 to 70,000 people waiting (officials are endearingly vague about the exact number of "underpeople"), it is indeed true that 4 per cent will eventually be deemed to have qualified and 16 per cent

granted exceptional leave to stay. It is not that the character of asylum-seekers has suddenly and dramatically changed; it is that the rules were changed in the 1993 Immigration and Asylum Act. Ministers raised the hurdles. Now that fewer people clear them, this is presented as evidence of the bogus nature of asylum-seekers generally. Shabby stuff.

There are, of course, bogus asylumseekers, economic migrants trying to better their lot. Home Office people insist that the new list of countries whose nationals will be treated suspiciously if they ask for asylum is partly aimed at Eastern Europe, particularly Poland. It will not include, as reported yesterday, such war-stricken or repressive countries as Algeria, Sri Lanka and Nigeria.

Now, it would be reasonable for British officials to tear up applications from people seeking asylum because of persecution by, say, the Danish authorities, or the government of Canada. And Poland is no longer a police state. But the idea of a White-hall "audit of repression" being used to exclude whole classes of applicants is a dangerous one. There are countries whose governments the Foreign Office does not want to offend, but where fear of persecution is real.



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in the rule book, individuals will be denied justice.

Furthermore, those utterly bizarre examples of "safe" countries came from somewhere. Perhaps there is a surrealist saboteur on the loose in Whitehall. Maybe Mr Howard is simply the victim of a cruel practical joke as Michael Portillo clearly was, when his statesmanlike party conference speech was tampered with by some malign satirist at the last moment (and tragically, of course, the joke version was the one he delivered).

What is not a joke, or at all obscure, is the broad thrust of the coming legis-lation. The Home Office is fighting for private employers to be obliged to investigate the immigration status of job applicants, even though other ministers have warned of the possible racist consequences. Asvium-seekers awaiting judgement are to lose their social security benefits, cutting off their means of support - a fine act of British generosity, that. Perhaps a DSS pamphlet on Begging techniques and street regulations in the United Kingdom will be offered gratis to all such incomers?

What is interesting about the expla-

A government defeat today may let Berlusconi back for a decisive showdown, says Andrew Gumbel

Can Italy survive Dini's fall?

dribble out, is that the Government still feels it necessary to produce any mimickry of rationality or legalism for measures whose purpose seems all too clear - to keep dark-skinned foreign-

Why bother to hide it? The British have long been hypocritical about race, thinking of ourselves as tolerant, put-upon people who keep ourselves to ourselves but who, for some inexplicable reason, now find foreigners wandering about our streets. Never mind that, earlier this century, we were populating Australia, chunks of Africa, America, the Caribbean, India. Never mind that our own racial migrations have changed the world dramatically, far more so than anything that will happen to Britain in the next century.

We cling to our cosy self-image. This hypocrisy is particularly dangerous today because of the re-emergence of race as a hot topic in the Anglo-American world. After 50 years of decent silence, the wet-lipped academics with measuring tapes and selective statistics are back. More popularly, the condition of black Americans and the reappraisal of their civil rights optimism is echoing here. The OJ Simpson debate spilled across British pubs

and kitchen tables, too.
Ministers may affect to be uninfluenced, either way, by any of this wider climate. Mr Howard is, it seems, offended by the suggestion that he is dabbling in dirty waters. Has he not spoken out against racists in his recent party speeches? Is he not a civilised man, Jewish to boot? Does he not attend, with meticulous attention, many meetings with British Muslims, Hindus and other minorities?

Yes he does. But he is also a sophisticated politician who knows how messages come over. He parrots the oh-so-convenient thought that racial harmony equals tough immigration control. And controls are certainly part of the story. But when it is implied that they are almost the whole story, black and liberal Britons should pause and stare. The politically correct words from the front of the

> by the hissed message from the side of the mouth. What we need instead is an honest speech or two about immigration and race, followed by an honest policy, with nothing left covert. If Howard is playing fair, he owes it to us to say how many immigrants be thinks this country can absorb every few years, and why, and who they should be. Other countries make a virtue of wanting particular classes of skill and of paying particular attention to certain

mouth are all too easily drowned out

overseas groups. We should, too.
This is indeed about our national stiny: if we really want to be a country that exploits the openness and dynamism of the global economy, it is downright odd to start by retreating behind a new wall of Home Office regulations against displaced foreigners. It is a question of attitude. We cannot get away, as we once did, with seeing Abroad as a place to be exploited, then

Yet this contradiction has thus far been ignored by the Conservative Party. It blithely says, with Walt Whitman, "Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself. (I am large, I contain multitudes)." Only in this case, it isn't, and it doesn't.

the popularity of the magistrates to

discredit Mr Berlusconi, and indeed

nio Di Pietro, the most prominent of

the magistrates, who resigned myste-

riously last year and now harbours

Mr Dini has had the near-impossi-

ble task of keeping the country on

track and trying to ignore mounting political passions. His mandate was

tough enough as it was: to prevent the

country's dangerously high public debt

sible for fresh elections that would end

the political instability once and for all.

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and beginning the huge task of reforming the mefficient and debt-laden pen-

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Going through a tricky phrase

Have you noticed that news grammes are now so sophisticated that all interviews are exactly the same? In other words, they are all boring noscore draws? It stands to reason, really. When you have a professional interviewer tackling a professional spokesman

give away a goal.
So, to while away the tedium of these otherwise useless enconnters. I have devised a new game to play during Today or Newsnight or wherever interviewer is pitted against apologist. All you have to do is take the following list in hand and tick a phrase every time you hear it used by the person being interviewed. The more phrases you tick you better YOU SCORE

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"What I would like to know is, who leaked the document to the Guardian in the first place?

That is what we should be ask-There will always be problems of adjustment when you

are instituting change, but the benefits will be very real when the throughput is on stream. "We have always been cus-

tomer-driven."

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you are saying, then the proper course of action is to hold an

Lithink it would be quite improper of me to comment on that while the inquiry is still tak-

ing place."
"As you know, the inquiry is due to report very soon, and that will be the correct time to respond to your questions."

"I feel sure you will under-stand when I say that I have not yet had time to digest what the report says." "I have now had time to digest what the report says and

I agree with it when it says that it is too late now to apportion "We must learn from our

"We must all learn from our mistakes."

"It is time to put old differences aside and forge a common strategy.

"Far be it from me to make a party political point, but ..." "I couldn't agree with you



more. All I would say is this ..." "Ah, yes, but you are con-centrating on one small area." "I haven't had a chance to "The report was at pains to point out that the overall pic-

ture is healthy."

"The year you quote happened to be an unfortunate and quite atypical one." "We are not complacent."

"We have never been complacent." "Things look very different

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"No, I don't accept that." "That is not a picture I recog-

"Oh, come on - if Michael Howard refuses to admit responsibility for anything, you surely don't expect me to do

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You get 100 points every time you get to the end of an interview.

You get 1,000 points every time you listen right to the end of an interview and the clichés come so thick and fast that you still have no idea what it was about - crime, education, child abuse, lorry pollution, soccer violence or

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Berlusconi (left): still ambitious. Dini (right): no headway not relent even when his own inspec- corporation and apply his entrepretors failed to find evidence of wrongdoing. Instead, he accused everyone from the president down of consoiring in a cover-up, and described Mr Dini as "servile" for refusing to stand

the dismissal of Filippo Mancuso, Mr Dini's controversial justice minister -Mr Mancuso became a liability to the government and, at the urging of the centre-left, was removed following a no-confidence vote in the Senate last week. But by then he had become more than just a wayward minister waging a one-man vendetta; he had unpopular jurist, has used his office to launch a full-front attack on the Milan become the perfect foil for Mr Berlusconi, who has his own fight to wage against the judiciary, since he is about to go on trial for irregularities in his noany's lax accounts.

Indeed, the struggle to get rid of Mr Dini makes no sense without looking at Mr Berlusconi's motivation and what he represents. When he swept into politics and into power in the first three months of 1994, he presented himself as a champion of the anti-corruption drive that had felled the old generation of politicians, and the standard-bearer of a new, clean politics in which he would treat Italy as a giant of political leader prevalent in South-

neurial talents to running the country. In fact, though, Mr Berluscon's

whole political and business culture was steeped in the old system. He owed his near-monopolistic control of private television to his old friend, the former Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi, who was at the epicentre of the anti-corruption investigations. As his premiership progressed, it became clear he was not a revolutionary, but rather the vanguard of a counter-revolution. Instead of completing the clean-up of public life, he did all he could to bring it to a halt. Far from encouraging the anti-corruption drive being conducted by the Milan magis-trature, his government first tried to call a general amnesty and then launched inspections in an attempt to

discredit the magistrates' work. Mr Berlusconi's premiership was stopped in its tracks when he himself came under investigation for corruption and his fractions coalition collapsed last December. But his ambitions remain intact. Lord Dahrendorf recently likened him to the new breed

Photographs: Reuters east Asia, who preach economic liberalism at the expense of democratic freedoms. Indeed, Mr Berlusconi has often looked like a man irritated by the

niceties of parliamentary democracy. He has treated the judiciary - from individual magistrates right up to the supreme judicial authority, President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro - with a disdain that has gone beyond personal animosity and bordered on hostility towards the institutions of the law themselves. Revealingly, he recently described the ongoing trial of Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, as a blot on the image of Italian goods in the export market, as though justice were some kind of customs tariff that, in an ideal free-trade world, would not need to exist at all.

As a direct result of Mr Berlusconi's attitude, the role of the judiciary has been thrust into the centre of political debate. As well as applauding Mr Mancuso, Mr Berhisconi's allies have launched attacks on the Milan magistrates, accusing them of mounting political witch-hunts and serving the interests of the political left. The left, meanwhile, has sought to capitalise on

been accused of mounting political witch-hunts

> he has made no headway at all. The electoral system that failed to deliver a decisive majority to Mr Berlusconi in March 1994 has not been touched. Attempts to address the massive propaganda power of Mr Berlusconi's three private television networks have been fragmentary and unsuccessful. This is not exactly Mr Dini's fault.

He has been faced with a seemingly unbendable paradox: that the cause of the political instability, a divided parliament, has also been the main obstacle to doing anything about it. Mr Berlusconi and his allies don't want him to be able to change the rules; they want to get back into power and change them themselves.

To do so, they will have to convince the electorate that they are right about the justice system. How else can Mr Berlusconi explain away the fact that he is due to stand trial in January? The people will have to decide if he is the victim of a witch-hunt, a true reformer frustrated by low conniving on the part of the judiciary and his political adversaries, or just a regular bad guy trying to discredit the judiciary to further his own ambitions. It is a debate whose price may be the political and economic stability of the whole country.

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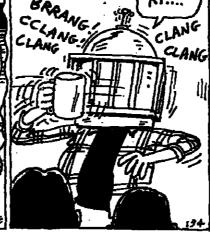


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IN BRIEF

'Independent' writer honoured

Derek Pain, the Independent's stock market reporter, was named yesterday as stock market writer of the year, winning the coverted Inchcape Falshaw award presented by Sir David Plastow, chairman of Inchcape. The judges were Peter Meinertzhagen (ABN Amro Hoare Govett), Brian Winterflood (Winterflood Securities), David Rough (Legal & General), Nick Verey (SBC Warburg) and Philip Yea (Guinness). Sir David was chairman of the judging panel.

Derek Pain's report, page 27 Channel 5 decision day

The Independent Television Commission is to announce tomorrow the winner of the Channel 5 licence, following days of speculation. The four bidders are UKTV, a consortium led by Canadian broadcaster CanWest; Channel 5 Broadcasting, sponsored by Pearson, MAI and others; Virgin TV, made up of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, Associated Newspapers and others; and New Century Television, a joint venture led by BSkyB, the satellite and cable broadcaster which is 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

Profits rise for SmithKline

SmithKline Beecham, chaired by Sir Peter Walters (below), announced a 9 per cent increase in third quarter pre-tax profit

to £310m bringing the nine-month total to £1.48bn, a 59 per cent increase. Sales from continuing operations rose 16 per cent as new products continued to make up for declining turnover from ulcer treatment Tagamet. Jan Leschly, chief executive, said the quarter's biggest achieve-ment was the launch of an over-the-counter version of Tagamet to treat heartburn. SB's A shares closed 9p higher at 673p.



Cable channel for Scotland

Scottish Television is to launch a cable channel north of the border, the company announced yesterday. The chairman, Gus Macdonald, said that ITV companies should look more closely at prospects in the cable industry, where he said that there was scope for secondary market deals involving ITV and the new media. He also confirmed that Scottish and its 16 per cent owner Mirror TV were in talks that could lead to a Glasgow-based version of Mirror's LiveTV cable channel.

Trust under shareholder pressure

Disgruntled shareholders in the Throgmorton Preferred Income Trust have asked the trust's managers not to make any further investments, following what they consider to be the poor performance since its launch nearly two years ago. The shareholders have requisitioned an extraordinary general meeting at which they intend to call for the resignation of the current directors.

Jobs to go at Northern Foods

Northern Foods is to close its dairies in Hull and Middlesbrough next year with the loss of 322 jobs. It is also selling its Colwyn Bay dairy and six distribution depots in Wales.

Lottery cash gives Clarke tax-cut scope

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

Proceeds from the National Lottery will make it easier for Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to cut taxes in his Budget at the end of next month.

The shortfall in the Government's finances would have been about £1bn higher during the past year without revenues from the lottery. Their contribution, improving the published borrowing total, comes at a time of heated debate about whether big tax cuts can be jus-

tified given the disappointing state of the public finances. However, the Chancellor could draw some comfort from the success of yesterday's gilts auction. The £3bn worth of long-term government stocks on offer attracted bids of nearly £6bn. This was better than analysts had expected, and came as a relief to the authorities. In-

vestors' concerns about the scale of public borrowing had led to an unprecedented shortage of bids for the gilts on auction last month. Public sector borrowing has been so much higher than the

Government's projections that the Bank of England might need to hold extra auctions on top of the three already scheduled for the remainder of this financial year. The borrowing needs would have been greater still without lottery revenues.

The delay between payments Camelot into the lottery distribution fund and dis-bursements by the fund to good causes has temporarily reduced the public sector borrowing requirement. The timing of the dip could be crucial for this year's discussions about the Budget.

the lottery revenues to the distribution fund, which are counted as part of central government revenues. The fund is obliged to disburse - eventually - almost all of this total to good causes through bodies such as the Millenium Fund and Charities Board. This counts as gov-

Since last November lottery proceeds have added nearly £1bn to government revenues. £700m of which has fallen into the current financial year. About £50m has been paid out so far, and it will take an-

starts to catch up with revenues. Mr Clarke has adjusted the definition of spending that the Government will target to exclude these lottery disbursements. However, there has been no corresponding adjustment to the definition of government

The lottery figures are in-chided in the "other" category in official statistics, along with numerous other miscellaneous

David Mackie, an economist at JP Morgan who identified the lottery effect, said: "The true

Camelot pays 28 per cent of other year before spending fiscal position this year is actually worse than it appears at first blush, due to the technical operation of the National Lottery." The Government's woes were worse than most people thought, he said.

Despite the help from lottery revenues the PSBR has been disappointingly high this year. Borrowing has amounted to £20.4bn since April, higher than at the same stage last year. Without the lottery money it would have been about £21.3bn. The Government's summer target for the PSBR for the full

Cable complaints: Regulator insists on end to special distribution arrangement

OFT blocks exclusive Disney deal with BSkyB

MATHEW HORSMAN

The Office of Fair Trading has shot down an exclusive distribution arrangement between Disney and BSkyB, the cable and satellite channel.

Acting on complaints from cable operators, the OFT has insisted that the Disney Channel, currently only available to cable subscribers who also take BSkyB's two premium movie channels, must be offered on a 'non-exclusive" basis.

In letters to the operators, the OFT said the terms of the existing Disney/BSkyB agreement "had been altered" to pre-empt the bundling of channels offered to cable companies. Satellite subscribers, however, will continue to receive the Disney Channel only if they subscribe to the two Sky Movie services. An OFT spokesman added

that BSkyB would be writing to the cable companies to detail the new arrangements.

cable companies will now be able to deal directly with Disney over the terms of supply, rather than through BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

effects of the OFT's intervention, pointing out that Disney could now charge even more for the Disney Channel than the operators currently pay for the "bundle" on offer from BSkyB. The result could be that cable operators in fact choose to retain the current arrangements.

"It's great that the OFT has acted on this issue," said one cable executive. "But how do we know what Disney is going to charge us?"
Disney executives were

scheduled to meet cable oper-

new terms of supply. The com-pany would be free to negotiate a higher price than that offered to BSkyB for its exclu-

sive supply.

The OFT intervention may affect other terms of BSkyB's contractual arrangements with Disney, which were the result of a high-profile and protracted negotiation giving the UK satellite broadcaster exclusive rights. Neither Disney nor BSkyB were available for comment

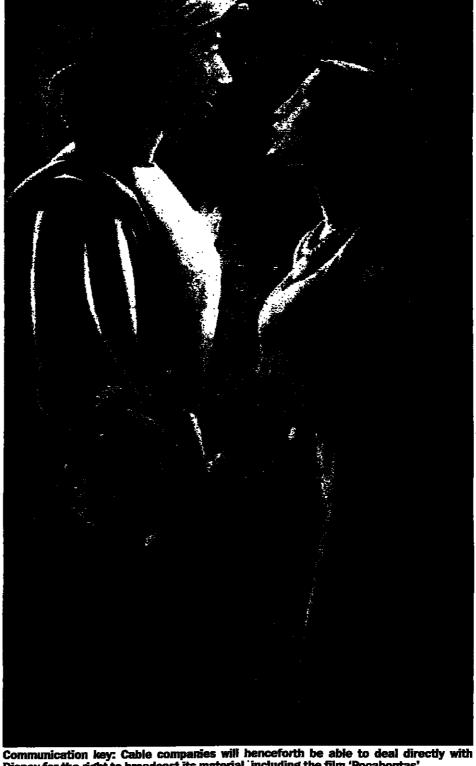
last night. The Disney Channel is viewed by the pay-TV industry as potentially one of the sector's most profitable additions since the launch of satellite services. It features a mix of cartoons. films and other programmes deemed suitable for the "family viewing" market.

Moreover, Disney has huge brand recognition, with its stable of globally known characters such as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and, more recently, As a result of the OFT action, Aladdin and Pocahontas.

BSkyB has been accused in the past of abusing its dominant position in the pay-TV market in the UK. Cable operators complain that the company's Murdoch's News Corporation.
But cable operators were circumspect yesterday about the deep pockets, long-term supply arrangements with Hollywood and its control of "conditional" access" technology used to encrypt video signals for pay-TV combined to make BSkyB invulnerable to competition.

Cable industry executives also complain that programme suppliers often ignore cable channels altogether, preferring to deal directly with the dominant player. This has been the case, they argue, with sports pro-gramming, where BSkyB dom-inates professional football through its exclusive deal with the Premier League.

BSkyB's position in the payators next week to discuss the TV market has been the subject



Disney for the right to broadcast its material, including the film 'Pocahoritas

March, the company agreed to a discounted rate to the price offer its channels to the cable industry on an à la carte basis, and received approval for a revised rate card in August. Under its terms, cable com-

charged satellite subscribers, for onward transmission to their own customers.

Subsequently, agreements between BSkyB and Telewest

of several OFT rulings. Last panies can buy Sky channels at and Nynex Cable Comms, the two largest UK cable operators, were deemed to be "significantly anti-competitive, and the OFI demanded that changes be made. It has yet to approve the revised contracts.

Accounts rule 'will not stop fraud'

ROGER TRAPP

Transactions such as the purchase of directors' houses and relocation expenses as well as deals between connected groups will have to be disclosed by companies under the Accounting Standards Board's latest stan-

dard, published today.
Financial Reporting Stan-dard (FRS) 8 "Related Party Disclosures" is designed, in the words of ASB chairman Sir David Tweedie, to give users of financial statements "sufficient information to warn the reader when figures are not necessarily to be taken at face value".

It requires disclosure of information on "all material related-party transactions", the name of the party controlling the reporting company and, if dif-ferent, that of the ultimate controlling party whether or not any transactions between the company and those parties have taken place.

Accountants believe that the new standard will not combat fraud and risks raising accounts users' expectations of auditors. The fraudster who is unde- (terred by the criminal law is unlikely to be quaking in his boots at an accounting standard. It is simply another ant-hill to be trodden on," said Gerry Acher, head of audit at the accountants KPMG. But Sir David said the standard would at least require directors to tell more lies.

The primary objective is to deal with cases where public and private companies are entwined. such as Carrian Investment, the Hong Kong-based conglomerate that operated through a complex web of companies on its way to a market capitalisation of more than \$1bn before collapsing in 1983. But the standard will also require more detailed information about transactions between the company and the directors of it or the ultimate owner.

Sir David said it aimed to stop people manipulating profits by selling things to themselves or directors as well as directors entering such arrangements as buying houses from the company "on the cheap". Comment, page 25

Grid directa windfall Watchdog storm, *

MPs' City inquiry 'falls short'

and DAVID HELLIER

A year-long inquiry by MPs into the City's leading financial watchdogs, including the Stock Exchange and the Securities and Investments Board, looks set to cause uproar among those who want the City reformed.

Details beginning to emerge ahead of the report's publication next week, indicate that the majority of MPs on the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee want the City left largely unchanged.

Members of the committee are believed to have rejected proposals to bring all selfregulatory bodies under a singie government-controlled and into private ones. Com-body. There is already a row be-pensating them could cost hiltween Tory and Labour members - a Labour proposal for an immediate overhaul was voted down earlier this week.

One member said the report, finally agreed on Monday, would be "disappointing". Some members are believed to be preparing an addendum to the main report that more closely reflects their views. The select committee inquiry into the regulatory system follows a succession of financial scandals that have rocked the City. Last year, the SIB found that up to 1.5 million investors may have been wrongly advised to

following the activities in Sin-gapore of Nick Leeson, a former futures trader. One source said yesterday: 'Clearly there are problens with the present system which have to be looked at, including

ions of pounds.

the problem of competition between different regulators, but we do not recommend that they should be folded into one at this stage. If the present system does not work there will have to be a rethink. Another MP added: "I think

In February, Barings, one of

Britain's oldest merchant banks,

collapsed with debts of £800m

among all the members that a lot of the regulatory system has been moving away from selfregulation to a more formalised structure anyway. What we are in favour of is a move towards a more united system, which has some statutory backing, under a common umbrella. But what we are also keenly aware of is

more business. Nor do we want to damage its reputation." The MPs have already decided to reopen their inquiries into the collapse of Barings and the role of the Bank of England in this débacle. They hope

that we do not want to damage

the City's ability to generate

to begin their inquiry next year.

Ms Spottiswoode has angered ministers and sent the company's shares plummeting by warning publicly that British Gas's financial position is "not obviously secure". A senior Whitehall source accused the regulator of "drama-

which are forcing the company

MARY FAGAN

Industrial Correspondent

tising the problem in a way which will not help the industry". He said: "There is absolutely nothing new in the issue of the contracts. What she has done is to give it a prominence that makes it appear to come out of the blue. I do not think it will do the reputation of the regulator any good."

Tim Eggar, Minister for Energy and Industry, said last night: "We have known about the importance of this issue for many months. In my view it is m the interests of both British Gas and the producers to renegotiate. I have already made it clear it is better for this to be settled commercially, but if I, or the Department of Trade and

Industry, can help as a facilita-tor we will be happy to do so." He declined to comment on Ms Spottiswoode's warning,

on gas contracts

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry watchdog, has clashed saying that the independence of with the Government over long-term contracts between British the watchdog must not be com-promised. Although Ofgas has Gas and North Sea producers, no formal jurisdiction over the contracts, she has a duty to be to buy much more gas than it concerned about the financial standing of the company.

British Gas shares fell by 11p to 236.5p after the com-

ments by the watchdog. But the company, which declined to comment, is privately pleased for the problem to be aired. Cedric Brown, chief executive. recently called for more government support in renegotiat-ing the contracts in the face of tough resistance from the producers. But the DTI insists that "direct" intervention is out of the question.

The contracts - largely en-tered into when British Gas was still a monopoly - will by the end of this year have forced the company to buy about £700m worth of gas it cannot yet sell. One City analyst said the sum could reach £1.3bn within four years.

The price paid by British Gas under the contracts is about twice that which rivals can achieve on the spot market, which has enabled competitors to win market share in the industrial and commercial market.

Owen to bowl for Middlesex former Soviet empire.

switch out of company pensions

NIGEL COPE

Lord Owen, the former Bosnian peacemaker, and Sir David Alliance, the Middle Eastern émigré who chairs Coats Viyella, have joined forces in a new corporate adventure. The former SDP leader was

appointed as chairman of Middlesex Holdings, a tiny mineral trading group with interests in the former Soviet Union. He replaces Phil Edmonds, the former cricketer, who chaired the

group for the past three years. Mr

nonds, who enjoyed a suc-

cessful career as a Middlesex and England off-spinner, will remain on the Middlesex board as a director until stepping company's annual meeting in

He yesterday raised £850,000 when he sold 10 million shares in the company. He will retain 5 million shares. The shares rose from 8.25p to 9p yesterday. Sir David also became in-

volved when he formed a part-

nership with the company to

export steel products world-

It is Lord Owen's first executive directorship of a public company since he stepped down down from the board at the in the summer as the European Union's peace negotiator in Bosnia. Last year, he was appointed as a non-executive director of Coats Viyella, Sir David's textiles group, where he

is paid £20,000 a year. At Middlesex he will be a part-time executive chairman on a salary of £50,000 a year. He will also be awarded 10 million share options. It is not clear how wide from far-flung parts of the many days a week Lord Owen



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Grid pulled from the privatisation wreckage Screaming and shouting, the 12 regional of the National Grid when the Recs were privated. This is hardly going to save a gov-

forced into line on flotation of the National Grid. Barring another hiccup, the shares should begin trading on 11 December. If any-one can take the credit for this, it is Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister. Without him, it almost certainly wouldn't have happened at all.

By the end, at least half the Recs were opposed, some more vehemently than others. It was not always thus. Originally, there was virtual unanimity of support. That, however, was at a time when the Recs anticipated some benefit to themselves in terms of a substantial cash windfall. It soon evaporated.

Indeed, some of the newcomers to the industry, Hanson and Southern Electric of the US, thought the rewards of flotation to themselves so poor that they withdrew support and became obstructive. They used the complex negotiations over detail as a way of promoting their own objections in principle. To Hanson and the Americans, the idea that the Government should decide what they should do with an important asset was anothema. It was only the threat of a windfall profits tax that beat them into submission.

For its part, the Government secures on behalf of the consumer a £50 per bill rebate, thus mitigating some of the criticism it has encountered for failing to realise the value

vatised. This is hardly going to save a government as unpopular as this one, but at least Mr Eggar has salvaged something from the electoral wreckage of privatisation policy.

An accounting standard for the Eighties

The publication of the Accounting Stan-▲ dards Board's latest pronouncement - on "related party transactions" - comes with the definite sound of stable doors crashing shut after the horse has bolted. This is a standard aimed at executives and managers with a tendency to muddle their own private financial affairs with those of the publicly quoted companies they work for. While it does still happen, the main offenders passed away with the 1980s. The push for action came not so much from accountants - who with so much unfinished business on matters such as goodwill, deferred taxation and fixed assets, have bigger fish to fry - as the Department of Trade and Industry, which wants more done to combat fraud.

Like the ASB itself, the new standard has clear roots in the corporate collapses of the early 1980s. The idea is to expose not only the links between public and private busi-

nesses but also the specific detail of those links - house purchases, relocation expenses and other possibly suspect transactions between companies and their executives. In the words of ASB chairman Sir David Tweedie, "It is not enough to look at the puppets; users need to see the strings and know

Now that financial engineering is out of fashion and companies appear more inclined to abide by the law as handed down by the no-nonsense Sir David and his ASB colleagues, it is tempting to think there is no need for this sort of thing. But the standard is not merely backward-looking. Times change and if there is a repeat of those conditions, FRS8 could prove an added bulwark against company directors who have difficulty defining where their own and share-

holders' interests begin and end. The problems, though, will come with try-ing to implement it. The lack of any standard in this area until now is testament to its complexity, and auditors and company officers grappling with it will find themselves dealing with a multitude of definitions. Not the least of their difficulties will be deciding which transactions should be covered, since the standard extends the group of people involved from directors to "key management". It also says the test of disclosure

will be materiality to the individual rather than the company. Judgement is obviously going to be the order of the day.

Fresh breeze at the Bank

Howard Davies has wasted little time in introducing his experience of modern management techniques to traditionalists at the Bank of England. Mr "Call me Howard" Davies has spent a large part of his early weeks as Deputy Governor dropping in unan-nounced on staff to have a chat about their

Nothing like this ever did any harm but the Bank's well-known morale problem runs too deep for the classic techniques of hired-in management consultants. The series of presentations to Bank staff which started on Monday, and the working parties they have created, are no kind of solution.

The root of the problem is the tougher demands now being put on the Bank and its staff. These stem both from the Bank's more important role in monetary policy - which has been more difficult than anticipated since the Chancellor disagreed with the Governor in May - and the need to meet any post-Barings and BCC1 concerns about the

Bank's supervisory abilities. It is a big task - more so because it coincides with fundamental reorganisation and big job cuts.

The restructuring, launched by Mr Davies's predecessor, Rupert Pennant-Rea, 18 months ago, has divided the Bank into sheep and goats - monetary policy-makers and supervisors. The supervisory goats do not feel good about the herding of high-fliers

into the monetary arm. In addition, layers of hierarchy have been removed so that promotion prospects have vanished. Treasury restrictions mean the Bank cannot use big pay rises to improve effort and morale. Luring outside recruits on higher salaries is allowed, but it is obviously divisive. In the past the Bank has been able to count on the public service ethos of its generally loyal staff to overcome some of these problems. But as the enthusiastic amateur gives way to the thrusting young professional, loyalty becomes harder to rely on. Such are the penalties of modernisation. Sense of public service will diminish with

the increase of the harsh facts of modern business life. This is the conundrum Mr Davies needs to tackle. It is in the Bank's interest if he can take its modernisation close to completion before a new Labour government decides it has better ideas about how to reform the Bank of England.

Direct Line chief agrees to stay with Royal Bank

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Peter Wood, the man who created the Direct Line phone insurance success story and who was bought out by its owners Royal Bank of Scotland for £21m last year, has had his contract extended with the bank for a further two years. The Direct Line advert fea-

turing the red telephone on wheels could soon cross the Atlantic in a new US direct insurance venture from Mr Wood. who was yesterday given Royal Bank's blessing for the project. Royal Bank said Mr Wood

"will be permitted to invest, together with a number of other associates, in a new US company which will engage in the direct selling of motor and household insurance in the USA, Canada and Mexico". Sources close to Royal Bank said Mr Wood, who launched the Direct Line phone insurance

arm and was belight out last year, approached the bank recently with his proposal to repeat this success in America. He is linking with American insur-Coast company dealing in fire, it was taken over accident and life insurance. and has other investors in line. Amid the bid speculation sur-

rounding Royal Bank, it has been suggested that a potential defence could have been the in the event of a hostile offer. It is uniderstood that Royal

Bank, and in particular its chief of intense press speculation in nancial, and US rules limit



selling insurance in the US, Canada and Mexico

the last week with suggestions er Plymouth Rock, an East that he would leave the bank if He will remain a main board

director of the bank and boss of Direct Line, with a new contract reflecting the time he will spend in the US. He was bought out of his original Direct Line bonus threat that Mr Wood would walk agreement by Royal Bank last year for a total of £21m and

given a £350,000 salary. Royal Bank is prevented executive, George Mathewson, from holding more than 5 per were keen to retain Mr Wood's cent of the new venture's services, but not for that rea-sons. He has been the subject a US retail bank, Citizens Fi-

This has prompted analysts to speculate that Royal Bank may sell Citizens and invest heavily in Mr Wood's pan-American venture. Royal Bank said yesterday that Citizens was not connected to Mr Wood's latest move.

bank ownership of insurers to

This particular rumour did not affect Royal Bank's share price, however, which remained unchanged at 517p.

George Mathewson yesterday said the agreement hammered out with Mr Wood "shows he wants to stay with Royal Bank

Freshfields appoints top partner

porate department at Fresh-fields, the international law firm, is to become the firm's senior partner when John Grieves

retires on 1 May next year. Mr Salz, 45, who was a key witness in the Guinness trial. topped a recent league of mergers and acquisitions lawyers in Legal Business magazine, prompting one observer to say:
"He is M&A at Freshfields.

Anthony Salz, head of the cor- He's so good that he puts really good people in the shade."
Tim Freshwater, corporate

partner at rival firm Slaughter & May, said: "He is ... one of the leading corporate finance lawyers in the City ... not only well-regarded but well-liked." Among the deals in which Mr Salz has played important roles are SmithKline Beckman's

merger with Beecham, the deal

between Reed International

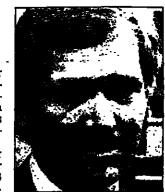
and Elsevier, and the proposed merger between TSB and Lloyds Bank.

To enable him to continue to devote time to clients, Alan Peck the firm's managing part-ner and another specialist in mergers and acquisitions and share issues, will become chief executive. Ian Terry, a partner specialising in commercial litigation and arbitration, is ap-

pointed managing partner.

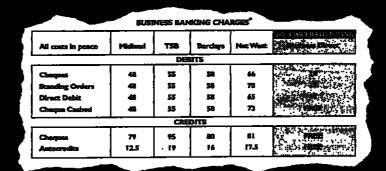
Mr Salz, a graduate of Exeter University, qualified as a solic-itor in 1974. Joining Freshfields in 1975, he then spent a vear with the US firm Davis Polk & Wardwell before be-

coming a partner in 1980. Freshfields, where Mr Grieves has been the senior partner since May 1990, has 153 partners and more than 600 other lawyers in 14 offices around



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Grid director to give his windfall to charity

Industrial Correspondent

At least one director of the National Grid Company plans to give the special dividend he gets from the stock market flotation of the distribution company to charity. The move follows po-litical pressure and calls by two electricity companies for Grid

directors to forgo their windfall.
John Uttley, finance director,
said he would give the £60,000 dividend from his shares to charity after paying tax. But other directors, including the charman, David Jefferies, who gains about £200,000, declined to say what they will do with their

The £3.5bn flotation of the

National Grid will go ahead on per cent within a year. Until they 11 December after payment of the £872.5m special dividend to the feature of existing shareholders - mainly

the 12 regional electricty companies in England and Wales. The regional firms are also expected to gain about £300m from the Grid's generation arm, which will be hived off in advance of the float.

The wave of electricity take-overs means that less than half of the shares in the Grid will be listed initially, with six regional firms that have been taken over or are the subject of bids holding back. But the Government, which retains a special share, has demanded that those six companies or their new owners reduce their stake to 1

The restrictions in voting

rights reflect the Government's determination that the Grid should be seen to be independent. Details of the flotation show that the Grid will pay a dividend of £175m in the year to 31 March 1996, net of any tax credit, rising to £190m the following year. The new company will be known as National Grid Group.

Separately it emerged that the nuclear industry, which is soon to be privatised and known as British Energy, could be sold off with up to £4bn of liabilities in its balance sheet.

Standard seeks savings deal

NIC CICUTTI

Standard Life, the UK's largest mutual life company, is considering launching a short-term savings account to help stem part of its annual £300m drain when policyholders' funds mature.

The link-up would be through Bank of Scotland, with which Standard Life also hopes to develop a personal loans

service for its clients. The Scottish insurer's move bonies as Prudential, one of its are forced to pay out annually. gest rivals, announced plans
Last year the life insurance industry paid out more than

service offering building society- £13bn on maturing life policies. type savings accounts and

Other leading insurers are believed to be considering link-ups with existing banks or building societies. Under this scheme the insurer gives its name to an account and markets it but it continues to be administered by

the other institution. Both the Pru and Standard Life are hoping to keep their hands on some of the funds they

A Standard Life spokeswoman would not comment on any possible account launches. She also dismissed suggestions that the company might increase its 33 per cent stake in Bank of Scotland in order to challenge the Pru head-on.

But it is understood that the new account under consideration would target policyholders who are undecided as to where they want to place their money in the long term. Standard Life would offer rates of interest that compare with building societies.

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

Edited by TOW STEVENSON

Smiths remains pick of the bunch

formances from a number of the engineer's peers. Not Smiths, however, which reported another set of solid results and justified our comment last April that it was the pick of the bunch in the areas of aerospace, medical equipment and industrial products.

Profits and margins grew in all three areas, no mean feat given the troubles in the aerospace industry that have led firms such as Lucas to scale back operations. Pre-tax profits up 17 per cent to £138m - on turnover also up 17 per cent at £899m - were slightly above forecasts and were accompanied by an encouraging confidence about the future.

Star performer was the medical division, which contributed 45 per cent of Smiths' operating profits and has the capacity to grow still further. Smiths' £135m purchase last year of US medical operation Deltec - part of £390m spent in the past three years - has not filuted earnings as feared and margins in the division remain stable. Any further purchases are likely to be made in this area, and Smiths is unconcerned about US healthcare reforms.

Surprisingly, perhaps, the industrial businesses also advanced rapidly, making profits 34 per cent ahead at £37.6m on sales of £249.7m. A lot of this profit was bought through acquisitions, although Smiths says 10 per cent of the profits rise was from existing businesses. While recent acquisitions have yet to make a full impact, however, the rate of growth at the industrial division can be expected to slow in line with general economic conditions.

The aerospace businesses also invite caution in the short term. On the military side the company is doing well, and recent contracts by the UK and Dutch governments for Westland's Apache helicopters mean orders for Smiths' electronic hardware. But on the civil side, which accounts for 40 per cent of turnover, things are not so positive: 1996 will be the nadir for the building of civil airlines, with a pickup for the industry from 1997. And US anemaker Boeing, to which Smiths is a big supplier, is going through pro-tracted industrial action and may soon

start cutting production. Smiths is strong enough to weather such hiccups, although investors should perhaps hold back until the picture becomes clearer. Pre-tax profit forecasts for this year are around £155m,

There was understandable caution in the run-up to Smiths Industries' figures with 35p of earnings. A prospective competitors on marketing services, price/earnings ratio of 17 reflects a public relations and the like. Activities the run-up to Smiths Industries' figures price/earnings ratio of 17 reflects a yesterday, following disappointing persolid and well managed company knocking on the door of the Footsie index, but it doesn't leave much room for disappointment,

WPP reassures the doubters

A respectable 8 per cent growth in rev enues in the first three quarters of 1995 will soothe WPP shareholders who doubted highly-paid chairman Martin Sorrell and his turnaround strategy. Thanks to strong growth in the US

and UK advertising sectors, the integrated ad and market services holding company managed to add sales even as it cut debt - by 20 per cent in the period. Moreover, revenue growth also suggests higher productivity gains.

But what about the future? Advertising companies are notoriously subject to economic cycles, riding the booms and plunging with the busts. Could WPP be in for a fall? Probably not. It is far more reliant than some such as direct marketing, promotion and other services, which represent about 40 per cent of revenues and about 30 per cent of operating profits. are less vulnerable to the ups and downs of economic cycles.

That provides some protection, but even the more volatile advertising business is betting that governments in the key markets of the US and the UK will not allow their economies to slow down too dramatically in the lead-up

Even if the markets don't help, Mr Sorrell reckons WPP is firing on only three of four cylinders, and wants to see improvements in the performance of the public relations arm, Hill & Knowlton. Progress there, as well as further growth in market share in the US and UK advertising markets, could add

another I percentage point to margins. The third quarter's new business looked good. Ogilvy & Mather took on a \$50m account from Kodak and another \$45m from Cheesborough Pond's. In the UK, J Walter Thompson won business from Stena Sealink. the cross-Channel ferry operator.

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Earnings for the full year could eas ily hit £110m, or about 9p a share, for a price-carnings multiple of about 17 at last night's unchanged close of 154p. Pricey, but probably sustainable, if 1996 is as good as predicted.

Little cheer at **Enterprise Inns**

The biggest challenge facing Enterprise Inns over the past few weeks has been convincing institutions that it is anything more than a rather dull rent collector and beer wholesaler. Judging by the price it has achieved for its £41m share placing, it can feel pretty pleased with its presentational skills - investors would demand more than a 5.5 per cent yield if they could really see

no growth in earnings or income. But the fact remains that Enterprise's end of the pub-owning market, 486 ten ancies in the Midlands, North-west and Yorkshire, lacks the glamour of the successful managed pub groups such as JD Wetherspoon, Regent Inns and the latest entrant, Tom Cobleigh.

Although Ted Tuppen, chief executive, describes the business as a retail partnership with the pubs' landlords, in reality it enjoys only a 5.5 per cent yield on its £84.2m property portfolio and a margin on the beer it ties its ten-

Coming to the market will ease some of Enterprise's challenges, wiping out £12m of mezzanine debt which, at 8 per cent over base rates, is a miserable way to have to raise finance. Arguably it should have tried to raise more, reducing gearing below 50 per cent and giving it a fair chance of leveraging the shareholder return from subsequent acquisitions.

Without that, it is a little difficult to see where the growth will come from to justify a payout that, while attractively above the market average of unwith the yield offered by a host of solid but out-of-favour, Footsie companies A prospective price/earnings ratio of nine is cheap but appropriate.

have a claim on 20 per cent of the £41m firm placing, is reported to be strong, so the issue is unlikely to be a flop. But anyone expecting a repeat of the sparkling share price performance enjoyed by Wetherspoon and Regent will be disappointed.

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

Gowrie gets his teeth into the property world

Not content with his vampire role in the forthcoming BBC horror movie, Lord Gowrie has embraced another nightmare - the shadowy world of property. The former Arts Minister and unpaid chairman of the Arts Council has taken the Martin Landau shilling and signed on as the £25.000-a-year non-executive chairman of Development

Yesterday's announcement ends a seven-month search for a public figurehead to revive the fortunes of the group. In spite of some high-profile deals - last week the company was chosen to redevelop the old MIS headquarters at No 1 Curzon Street - shareholders have remained a largely disgruntled bunch. The share price rocketed

two years ago when Mr Lan-dau, a 1980s wheeler-dealer who rode out the recession in Monaco, returned to take control. But the man who once cost the Church Commissioners a fortune in a speculative development in Kent failed to deliver the fireworks. The shares have headed south ever since.

What Lord Gowrie can do remains unclear. He has no experience in property and the appointment of a former government minister to the board is not always a good omen. Witness Lord Lawson at GPA, the aircraft leasing company, Lord Tebbit at BET, and Lord Gowrie himself at Ladbroke, where he is a non-executive director.

With this in mind the shares responded with a 1.5p rise before settling firmly back in the groove at 141.5p.



Lord Gowne: In for a nightmare?

A nasty moment for Sir Nicholas Henderson at the Lloyd's Bank British Fashion Awards on Tuesday night. where he nearly became part of the show. Arriving late, the former diplomat and company director sneaked in a side entrance - only to be confronted by a battalion of half-naked Galliano models, who swept him inexorably to-

wards the stage. He was last seen ducking and diving against a tide of

The decision by the Italian parliament to prevent mobile elephone reception in the chamber by erecting a signal deflector over the building has prompted raised eyebrows from European service providers. There is concern that the move could

set a precedent that will

The long trek from Teddington to central London (two hours if you are locky) has finally proved too much for Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, who has now privately declared the old Thames TV studios to be no longer suitable

as a corporate headquarters. The man who gave the country Roland Rat is looking for a temporary London base so that he may enjoy better access to his City and Soho contacts. Longer term the plan is to sell the Thames TV studio and move the whole operation closer to Photograph: Reute

eventually limit market

growth. The Italians are passionate about their mobile phones. The contraptions are still seen as status symbols – even though Telecom Italia has the largest subscriber base in Europe. That said, the quality of parliamentary debate was being jeopardised, with MPs

constantly on the blower. Will we shortly see signal deflectors in the UK? Over Buckingham Palace perhaps? Vodatone does not think so. The Italians do love to chat." said a spokeswoman. "The British are more sensible.

The fall from the Labour front bench of Martin O'Neill does not necessarily herald a quieter time for the former energy spokesman. Mr O' Neill is tipped as the next chairman of the Trade and Industry Select Committee when Richard Caborn steps down. Mr Caborn's stint at the committee is ending because he has been promated to the front-bench

With the investigation into nuclear privatisation just begioning, Mr O'Ncill will be in for a baptism of fire.

Ever since Jacques Chirac be-came French president in May, it was clear that the 10year-old commitment to the franc fort would be tested. The policy of tying the franc to the German mark through hell and high water was simply incon-sistent with the absolute priority he gave in the election campaign to reducing unem-

Round one of the battle between the new government and the foreign exchange markets went to the Banque de France. The pessimists who predicted an immediate devaluation of the franc were confounded. Instead the French central bank was able to ease interest rates down over the summer against a background of an appreciat-

Round two has just as clearly gone to the "gnomes of London". The run on the franc earlier this month forced the central bank to push up shortterm interest rates, which fed through to bank lending rates

Now the third and probably decisive round of the battle is on the verge of being joined. As in earlier European exchange-

If Chirac is to create new jobs monetary policy has to relax

rate crises, the first exchange of fire has occurred over a peripheral currency, in this case the Italian lira. Silvio Berlus-coni's tabling of a no-confi-dence motion in Lamberto upstaged by a resounding vote of no confidence by the currency

Before long, they will switch attention again to the French franc. Neil Mackinnon, currency strategist at Citibank, now projects a fall in the franc to 3.75-3.80 to the mark within the next couple of months. Other economists, like those at Paribas, predict a more modest fall to 3.60 by the end of the

Yet there is no consensus among economists that the franc is overvalued. Unsurprisingly, officials say that the franc is fundamentally strong. This view is supported by the fact that the economy is running a healthy current account surplus of about 1 per cent of gross do-

mestic product.

Trends in unit labour costs suggest that the franc is not overvalued against the German mark. Even against weaker currencies like the pound, you can make an argument

ECONOMIC VIEW

Stern test lying round the corner

that the franc is fair value. The pound has depreciated by some 20 per cent against the franc since Britain exited the exchange rate mechanism three years ago.

However, since then unit labour costs in manufacturing have fallen by 5 per cent in France while they have risen by about 3 per cent in Britain. If you accept that the pound was overvalued by about 10 per cent when Britain was in the ERM, that suggests that the franc is about where it should

be against the pound. The case for the sceptics is that the apparent health of the current account is misleading: it indicates a slackness of domestic demand. The franc is indisputably stronger against the peripheral currencies, compared with the position three

The strength is most palpable against the Italian lira something that matters, given the fact that Italy is France's second most important trading

who argue that the franc is over-valued, certainly against the peripheral currencies, seems more convincing. As British tourists have found out the hard way this year, France is a very expensive country to visit nowadays - something that matters, given the significance of tourism to the economy.

On balance, the case of those

And given the extent of the unemployment problem, what France may now need, as Julian

Jessop, European economist at HSBC Markets, has observed, is an undervalued currency.

But in large measure the debate over the underlying value of the franc is neither here nor there. For the real misalignment that is hampering the Frech economy is of interest rates

cent, bank lending rates of over 8 per cent are simply too high. Short-term interest rates are 3.5 points higher than those in Germany and long-term rates 1 point higher. Bear in mind that the French economy emerged out of recession more than a year after the UK, so it is still only in its second year of recovery.

ter and appears to be slowing still further.

The crunch point is the effect of that deceleration on unemployment. When the economy was rattling along, the jobless count was falling quite quickly. Now that the recovery is slowing down, the prospects for making continuing inroads into unemployment - still 11.4 per cent - look bleak

And yet, when campaigning. Jacques Chirac pledged to make unemployment the absolute priority. The social tensions caused by the continuing blight of joblessness mean that the campaign

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rather than exchange rates. With inflation at around 2 per

Yet already that recovery is flagging. At the end of last year the economy was bound-ing along at about 4 per cent. That expansion tapered off to 2.8 per cent in the second quar-

unheaval similar to the riots of Few doubt that France has to tackle some of the structural reasons that account for high unemployment - such as ex-

cure for unemployment is

form with the Maastricht convergence criteria.

sisting must be observed to the letter of the law by 1997 if

Something has to give – that is the message of the markets

monetary union is to go ahead. Here then is the paradox of the current stance of French economic policy. If France is to come within hailing distance of a 3 per cent budget deficit in just two years, strong economic growth is essential and this involves taking off the monetary

A simulation by the OECD in its recent report on France showed that the effect of cutting interest rates by 2 per cent would be to raise domestic demand by 1 per cent and cut the budget déficit by a similar amount. Yet that monetary relaxation can only come about if

Earlier this month, the industry minister, Yves Galland, said that if something were not done about unemployment and poverty, France could face an

employers and a minimum wage that is set too high, par-ticularly for young people. But for structural read long-term – and as Keynes observed, in the long run we are dead. In the short to medium term the best

strong growth.

If the French government is to meet its objective of 700,000 new jobs by the end of next year, monetary policy has to be relaxed. This is all the more so since fiscal policy is being tightened as part of the plan to con-

At 5 per cent of GDP, France's budget deficit is far removed from the 3 per cent level which the Germans are in-

the French abandon the franc

fort.

The French have invested enormous social and political capital in the policy of tethering the franc to the mark. But something has to give - that is the message that is coming from the markets. The fact that the French persevered with the policy so assiduously in the 1980s may be less relevant, now that the crucial problem is unemployment rather than

Before long, the franc fort could well be tested to break-

Upbeat VW back in the black

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Volkswagen, Europe's largest car maker, pointed to continuing recovery in the motor industry by reporting better-than-expected earnings for the first

nine months. Net profits of DM185m (£85m) compared with a DM73m loss last time. Ferdinand Piech, the chairman, was upbeat about the future.

Sales for the period totalled DM65.209bn, up 10.9 per cent car market and 6.4 per cent in

bullish yesterday, saying they would be "noticeably better". Last year's annual profit was DM150m.

cent from 2.5 million.

Volkswagen, which has about

from DM58.86n a year earlier, while global deliveries totalled

2.66 million vehicles, up 6.4 per

would be slightly up, was more

Mr Piech said the results were "all the more impressive for being influenced by the production shortfall in connection with this year's wage ne-gotiations". He added that the and at the parent company.

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the US, had been hit by indus-trial disputes by the powerful

The workers have won sig-

positive trend in earnings con-tinued in the third quarter both at the group and at the parent level.

Mr Piech, who at the Frank-furt Motor Show in September a shorter working week, which German politicians and business leaders.

VW, 20 per cent-owned by Lower Saxony, had resorted to litically sensitive large-scale redundancies. Mr Piech attributed the upward revision in profit forecasts to higher production and unit sales figures, and the success of the transformation process in the group

Suspended Roxspur pleads for more cash

TOM STEVENSON Deputy City Editor

Rosspur, the specialist engi-neer, was locked in discussions with its main shareholders last night, trying to persuade them to inject extra capital into the business following the suspension of its shares at 6.5p. The company blamed the ambitious acquisition in April of Wills, a pumps and valves company four times its size and in a much worse financial state than expected.

A statement yesterday said: Following the offer for the Wills Group it has become clear that the trading position of that company when it was ac-quired had deteriorated to a level that was substantially worse than anticipated.

"As a direct result, Rosspur has been experiencing and continues to experience severe short-term cash-flow difficulties." A deal to sell one of Wills' principal trad-ing subsidiaries floundered although it is understood that the putative buyer has not with-drawn completely.

Rosspur acquired Wills largely to get hold of Platon International, an engineering company acquired in a hostile takeover in 1993. The problems occurred elsewhere in the Wills group. At the time of the deal, Ian Orrock, Roxspur's chairman, was heralded as the company's saviour. A former divisional head at Racal, he had been parachuted in by bankers who hoped he would build Roxspur up into a large group.

The result of negotiations with shareholders to raise working capital for the troubled group will be known by the end of the week and Roxspur is expected to return from suspension on Monday. At the current level, the shares have lost almost three quarters of their value

over the past year. Back in March, with a remit to "dramatically enhance" prospects over the next two or three years, Mr Orrock said he was preparing to "roll up our sleeves and get into the facto-ries and stay there until they are

going well".

Margins of 5 per cent were talked about on the enlarged group's £60m sales thanks to a cutting out of duplicated costs and growing demand for the specialist pumps the company supplied to the water and oil in-

placing and open offer to fund the 16p a share partial cash of-fer that accompanied the deal.

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Kingfisher, the struggling retail group that last week ended its long search for a chairman with the appointment of Sir John Banham, has decided in a boardroom shared in a boardroom.

The group's profits for the

decided investors should know more about its recovery plans. This week it held an investment presentation on its Su-perdrug off-shoot and is due soon to subject its troubled Comet electrical chain to the same treatment.

Few companies bother with analysts' presentations if the story is all gloom and doom; consequently Kingfisher shares were busily traded with the price edging ahead to 485p. But the group is not confining its message to the UK, with talk of a US roadshow next months aband of a Describer to discontinuous confining its message to the UK, with talk of a US roadshow next months. ahead of a December trading

Sir John, former director general of the Confederation of British Industry, takes over next year. The group has been without a permanent chairman

The group's profits for the year to end January tumbled from £309.3m to £244.2m. Pretax profits for the first half of the current year were £74.6m, down from £83.1m with the group's B&Q do-it-yourself operation creating cause for

The shares hit a 1995 high of 510p earlier this month; a long way from their 772p peak last year. At the time of the boardroom upheaval they were down to 389b. The rest of the stock market

experienced another low-volume day with the FT-SE 100 index closing just 2.5 points higher at 3,537.8. Worries the Bank of England could suffer another gov-

ernment stocks auction

MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

rose 18p to 346p with Rank 2p

higher at 418p.

Meyer International, the

timber group, also attracted bid speculation. The shares rose 15p to 355p with rumoured predator, Harrisons & Cros-

field, a shade easier at 151p.

On the banking pitch bid gos-sip continued to influence with Standard Chartered up 15p at

Asda, still engaged in a bat-

was to absorb the company. nounced that the £3bn sale was John Conlan, FLC's chiếf executive, it was argued, could emerge as Rank chief execucomfortably over-subscribed. But any euphoria was short-lived with New York looking tive when the present incum-bent, Michael Gifford, retires. FLC shares, firm this week,

Cadbury Schweppes was subjected to one of its periodic bouts of takeover speculation. But the excitement soon pe-tered out. Reports in Switzer-land that Nestlé planned a strike briefly lifted the shares 8p. They closed unchanged at

525p.
First Leisure Corporation was also in the bid frame. There was talk Rank Organi-sation was keen to take on FLC's management and had

minerals and vitamin products, edged ahead 0.75p to 100.5p. Crédit Lyonnais Laing's Paul Smiddy believes Asda and Tesco, up 2p at 305p, are the best supermarket buys.

Kwik Save, little changed at 684p, is regarded as a sale.

British Gas was as unloved as its chief executive Codric.

Media presentation added 6p to 520p. Amstrad, following an analyst visit to its Danish operations, improved 7.5p to 292.5p.

Thoru KMI fell 20p to 1,494p as a large line of stock, thought to be around 2.5 million, sought a home.

Brilling and related shares

as its chief executive Cedric Brown following the stinging comments of industry regulator Clare Spottiswoode; the shares slumped 11p to 236.5p, lowest for three years. Turnover approached 21 mil-

Engineer Glynwed Interna-tional put on 4p to 343p as Mees Pierson contemplated lifting its forecast from £86m to around £90m; ASW, a steel products group, tumbled 20p to 176p with SBC Warburg slashing its profit forecast from £23m to £12.5m.

Glazo Wellcome, meeting analysts in two weeks, rose 2.5p to 860p and a United News &

OTHER FINANCIAL

Building and related shares attracted a few buyers with Wolseley recovering 20p to 396p and Barratt Developments adding 6p to 197p.

Casket, the cycle maker, advanced 0.5p to 7.5p as the bid

duly materialised with EFG the Middlesex, the metals group, rose 0.75p to 9p with more than 40 million traded. Creos International, a maker

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of generators for medical scanners, made a bright AIM début, touching 129p and closing at 109p. Northamber, a computer hardware and softshares were floated at 170p a share in April. ware distributor, gained an-

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13.00 3541.2 up 5.9

Kingfisher makes a clean breast of plans for recovery Unipalm, the largest UK access provider for the Internet international

computer network, rose 11p to 448p, influenced by US buying. The group has accepted an offer of around 450p a share from UUNET Technologies of the US. But many speculators had expected the bid to be nearer 700p and it is not not surprising that talk of a rival offer is circulating. A Dutch

telephone group is the favourite to strike.

☐ Biocompatibles
International, the medical group where US giant Johnson & Johnson has a stake, jumped 29p to 372p as the Specsavers chain, with more than 300 optical branches, said it was recommending the company's Proclear contact lens. The

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Lewis draws little comfort as Lake gets 'coffin box'

here in the Big Apple yesterday. The Epsom trainer's Lake Coniston was drawn 14 of 14 runners for the Breeders' Cup Sprint on Saturday, which shunted his chance someway down the road

to the impossible. Local commentators refer, rather disparagingly to this year's Sprint as a "crap shoot", as it is generally believed there will be considerable bunching at the start and an unpredictable result. Given Lake Coniston's Over a thousand guests gath-immaturity on a turning track ered at Belmont Park yesterday and his draw, the parking lot attendants may be nervous folk these next two nights.

Hever Golf Rose, Joe Naughton's representative, has hardly been blessed either with the 11 stall, and both British. horses are going to have to cover a lot more ground than the official six furlongs. The filly though has maintained her po-sition in the market while Lake Coniston has drifted out to as high as 6-1 with Ladbrokes. Coral's Rob Hartnett described stall 14 as "a coffin box".

1.20 Stop Play 1.50 Mutamanni

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STALLS: Stands' side.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f and 6L.

Left-hand, oval course; with rising run-in; tough, galloping track.

Racecourse is south-cest of town near A34. Balway station (service from London, Paddington) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £13; Tattersells £8; Silver Ring £3 (OAPs half price). CAP PARE: Free.

ELEADING TEANNERS WITH EUNNERS: H Cecil - 27 winners from 74 runners gives a success ratio of 36.5% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £0.06; J Dunlop - 21 winners, 118 runners, 13.6%, -£15.73; P Code - 16 winners, 80 runners, 20.5%, +£4.19; R Hammon - 14 winners, 126 runners, 20.5%, +£13.58.

I LEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettori - 30 wins, 153 rides, 19.5%, -£15.25; W Carrora - 29 wins, 167 rides, 17.7%, -£18.97; Pet Eddery - 23 wins, 100 rides, 25%, -£30.26.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Vax New Way (1.20); Pe's Crusher (4.20).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Barrel of Hope (4.20) was at Newbury on Thursday; Master Charter (4.20) was at Departer on Pring.

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LONG-DISTANCE RUNGERS: General Mountar (3.50) has been sent 198 miles by M. C Pipe from Nicholashayae, Devox, Fakuleos Mineto (3.50) has been sent 187 miles by M. S Saunders from Haydon, Somenset.

1.20 RUSHCLIFFE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2YO of Penalty Value £3,560

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MULLAGH Hit.1 LAD's improved performance in classing home Swynford Piyer at Catencic was not unexpected as he was backed from 33-1 to 10-1. As that was only his second outing on turf, Mullagh Hill Lad might improve again and he has a helpful high class. Actio well drawn, in small 13, is shop Piny, who had Clinicater Class and Dearty behind when runner-up to the profile Lunar Mist at New-

market two troces ago. Stop Play was besten again by Lunar Mar at Newbury on Saturday but softish gorund might not have helped and she should be there-abouts despite the big weight. It is difficult to be confident about Erupt follow-ing up lest week's win under a 7b penalty because the going was soft at Chepstow. Beforehand, Erupt had been besten in nursedes on Sester ground. He was a cou-ple of lengths behind Alasim there and is 7b worse off. Vera's First is 7b be-recoffice the three and a half lengths that secreted her from Frust at The be-

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GOING: Good to firm.

York where the fancied British runners have been left high and dry in the Sprint

morning to be fed and watered from a line of silver tureens that stretched somewhere into the distance. There were television cameras all over the place, celebrities to "pull the pills" and lots of people taking the stage to thank each other. It was a celebration of the art of promotion and it became difficult to visualise Britain's version of this exercise: Graham Kelly and Bert

a small bag in a spartan studio. Naughton had feared another contrast when he waved off the dirt comes flying back but she will put her ears back and

dig in."

For most of the Europeans vesterday's on-course work was more about reconnaissance can be pinchingly cold at this than serious labour. Tamure, the time of the year. But the filly who worked at Lingfield on Sat-Derby runner-up, clearly felt he should be expending more en-ergy and jinked violently during his breeze, dropping his work urday walked out to clear skies rider. The colt was quickly re-

> Halling (who is 3-1 for the Classic with Ladbrokes) was more typical. He picked his way through the deep sand in a steady canter and returned with dirt flecking his chestnut tail. The Godolphin colt's great rival (in the hype leading up to the race at least) Cigar, per-formed more emphatically. He was given the stimulus of a pony to quicken his pulse and connections are now happy that any laziness that was in his system

has been forced out. One of the team. Simon Bray, used to be with Henry Cecil in the days when Sheikh



Ready to clean up: assistant trainer Jeremy Noseda (right) washes down Britain's Breeders' Cup Classic hope, Halling, at Belmont Park vesterday Photograph: Phil Smith

were bosom buddies. "I jumped ship just in time," he observed yesterday. Bray was of the era of Old Vic, Indian Skimmer and Belmez but he believes Cigar belongs on a dif-ferent level. "This is the best horse I have ever been

Bill Mott, Cigar's trainer, has similar eulogies for the horse and he believes one of his rare off-colour performances (though he still won) at this track in the Jockey Club Cup two weeks ago was a consequence of the ground. "Sticky gumbo," he called it.

There will be no calling at Mott's home on Sunday morning however from Allen Paulson, the owner of Cigar, if the horse gets beaten. "He wants to win all right," Mott said, "But if he gets beaten, he won't be ringing up singing the

FORM GUIDE

CUANGO could be an autumn horse, as he won a couple of handicaps tow

CLIANGO could be an autumn horse, as he won a couple of handicaps towards the end of least season and has just run into form again. At Chepstow, Cuango was a staying-on third behind Jagallon (Newbury witners since) and he looks as though he can win arthis trip after finishing third to Sugar Mill at Doncaster lest Saturday. The ground was soft when Fabilition beat all ber the improving Snow Princess at Chepstow but that was easily his best run so far and he might improve again over the extra quarter mile. In the two-millar won by Sae Victor here leaf was an absolute that the stay of Requested and is 4ib better off with both. Both Fabulous Miloto and Tity (from the yard that finally got a race out of Sadsta recently) are relatively fresh horses who could do better with that run to bring them on but Requested is well suited by this trip and not badly francicapped. The last time that Sae Freedom ran over a mile and six, he was besten three parts of a length by Ela Man Howe under 10 stone at Kempton, so he is fire from out of h, while Soba Up has enjoyed such a good year she is best forgiven her poor showing at York. Pussice has not specified in two previous handicaps but might do better now she has an extar fall mile to Cover.

4.20 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 3YO 1m 54yds Penalty Value £3,960

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FORM GUIDE

Barrel Of Hope held off all ber Comenche Companion when blinkered for the first time at York – but the forcing tactics old pay off in another huge field at

Newbury last Thursday. As that was an apprentice race, Barrel Of Hope gars no penalty but preference is for MASTER CHARTER, who escapes a penalty him-

penary our presence is no sewistic content bet, who escapes a penary him-self after beating 20 others in an appearable handicap at bonester six days ago. Being out in front should enable Barrel Of Hope to evoid trouble, but he has an extra furiong to cover on faster ground and Master Charter might just be better suited by these conditions. He has had nowhere near the same amount of rec-ing as Barrel Of Hope so perhaps he has more morn for improvement. Lyudon Laid was blinkered for the first time when chasing home Barrel Of Hope at New-

bury and comes into the reckoning, along with Hatta Breeze, a filly nursing we and ideally suited by this trip. Pelleman has a bit to prove as far as staying a

and obesty sured by this tip. Petterman has a bit to prove as are as st mile is concerned but he was bestern only by the In-florm Spencer's Rev Yarmouth and cannot be ruled out. Lightly-weighted Cabian Reef looks of midding her presence tief, while the market might indicate if relativel posed three-year-olds such as Storm Flasts, Parmer's Term and Jilly is are expected to do better now they run in a handicap for the first time.

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11-1 Lyukon Lad, Super High, 12-1 others. 1994: Just Hany 3 7 12 D Biggs 5-1 (M J Ryen) 20cm

in the third game of the World Series, cutting the Braves' lead in the best-of-seven series to 2-1, after Eddie Murray's single in the 11th inning scored pinch runner Alvaro Espinoza. "It's nice to get this little World Series jinx over with and get on with the series," Murray said. The Cleveland bullpen ace. Jose Mesa, got the win for three innings of scoreless, three-hit relief. He struck out three.

It was the second longest Mesa had gone this year. "He's a big strong guy," said Mike Hargrove, the Cleveland manager. "We really had no choice."
"I was flying," Espinoza said. "I knew I was going to score. This was an unbelievable feeling. We can go ahead here and win it in Atlanta."

Kenny Lofton had three hits and three runs scored for Cleveland. Lofton, who led the American League in steals, was caught stealing for the first time in 10 post-season attempts in the fourth inning. But in the seventh, he got his fifth steal of the Series. Later that inning, he became the first Indian ever to score three runs in a World Series game. "I never thought about losing the game," Lofton

Omar Vizquel added two hits, two runs scored and an RBI for the Indians. Cleveland threatened in their half of the 10th, but stranded Manny Ramirez at third and Lofton - who had been intentionally walked for the second time in a row - on a nifty play by Mark Lemke from Vizquel's tough grounder in front of second

and close to Lofton's path. Cleveland, in their first World Series in 41 years, had dropped their last six Series games since taking Game Six from the then Boston Braves in 1948.

McRae told to go slow

Rallying

Scotland's Colin McRae allowed his Spanish team-mate Carlos Sainz to win his home rally yesterday in a controversial move which gave both Subaru drivers a share of the lead

in the World Championship. McRae now heads for the final round of the championship in Britain next month knowing that the title is his for the taking But neither man was happy with the instructions from Subaru, which led to a contentious finish in the Catalonia Rally, with McRae claiming he would rather

not win the championship than win it through team orders. Sainz led his team-mate by just eight seconds going into the final day and Subaru issued instructions that McRae was to preserve the status quo and not challenge for the lead in the

closing stages. The Scot was leading by nine seconds on stage times until Subaru, anxious to stop their drivers taking risks in pursuit of victory and to earn maximum points to take the lead in the manufacturers' standings, ordered him to check in one minute late at the final control.

McRae, who started the Catalonia event five points ahead of his Spanish team-mate, pointed out that the strategy could backfire if either driver ran into trouble in the final round of the championship - the RAC Rally on 19 November, "If we have a problem on the RAC Raily, we'll lose the championship, said McRae, who, like Sainz, now has 70 points.

There was more controversy when the world champion, Didier Auriol, was disqualified on a technicality after finishing fourth despite broken power steering on his Toyota. Results, Sporting Digest, page 31

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RACELINE

Geoff Lewis got a rotten deal Richard Edmondson reports from New

Words from the respective Hever Golf Rose, as New York camps were not overly despondent as a very low berth is con-sidered the worst of all, but faces that competed with the draw ceremony itself for length gave the game away. The Americans certainly know how to put on a

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and autumnal warmth at a treefringed exercise track yesterday as a chevron of birds past overhead. It was rather like Lingfield really. Hever Golf Rose continues to have 30 minute sessions wearing what her trainer calls "the magic carpet", a thermo-pulse rug which trembles. over the body. Her jockey, Jason Weaver, is

trembling in anticipation and has developed a vision of how the race will go. In the patois of the sport here, the jockey ex-pects to see "stalked, duelled gamely" after the filly's name in Monday's papers. The surface, Weaver insists, will be no problem. "She's really competitive," he said. "Some horses are a bit stand-offish when

Harry Thornson Jones usually seves his better two-year-olds for Ascot so, eithough the form has not worked out very well up to now, IMUTAMANNI is worth another chance other his second to the filly Mathight Blue in a valuable newcomes? race three weeks ago. Midnight Blue is trained by Wille Javis, represented here by Luy The Bluese, who improved to win a meiden auction at Warwick lest time. But that success meens that Luy The Blume must give 6th to Mutamanul and be relief our first that covered the constitutions.

but was access means true by the same must give on to watermans and the might not find that straightforward. Never Lady is penalised only 4th for her malden auction win at Kempton and she is back in a more suitable race after being outclessed by Sea Spray at Kempton last time. They can probably improve more than Borm A Lady the third winner in this Ine-up, but Roc De Fer is lastification to Berge, who has where of races for Bit O'Commen. He could turn out better than he showed here in June, but hearn't raced since.

2.20 SNEINTON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000

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Eighly tried in the summer (she took her chence in the Oulca), BINT ZAMAYEM came good at Newbury last week with an easy three-and-s-half length win from Malain Offender and, provided she does not need the softish ground she raced on that day, might be good enough again. Main Offender was favourity at Newbury even though he had not raced since Chepstow in May. He is 4th better of

with Birt Zamayern and, with Henry Cacil's horses going so well, must make more of a race of it today. This is Time For Action's first outing since July but he looks

good enough to turn up a fittle rusty and still beet the majority of these over a trip that, could be on the short side. Time For Action's saddle stop time out this year but he has run well otherwise in three tough handler cluding the ubus-competitive King George V Handleap at Royal Ascot.

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Henry Cecil won both divisions of this race a year ago with Stelvio and Balliol Boy and ahouldn't be far away with CENSOR, the Warren Piace second string in the Newmarket malden won by his highly-rated stablemate. Silver Dome. Censor is out of the mare that has produced good winners such as Shakan, Press Callery and Peean for Lord Howard de Weiden and should improve for the Newmarket run. Robert Armstrong won with two tilles on Monday and Tasdik seems sure to go well after her third to Faltight Down in an 18-nuner filles' race at Leicester. Becked from 6-1 to 3-1 for that first run, Tasdik is a helf-ester to two Robert Armstrong-trained winners and, being by Urduwein, could appreciate the extra furiorig that she tokles today. The likes of Chief Mouse and Personasion will have benefited from their recent outings at Newmarket and Lescester – but both naces were won by horse trained by Henry Cecil, illustrating the strength of the Warren Piace two-year-olds at present.

Selection: CENSOR

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7	0	BULLPEN BELLE (6) (J D A Wellinger) P Walnya 8 9
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1994: Balkul Boy 2 9 0 W Ryen 5-2 (H R A Cacil) 13ran

The Cecil numer here is the filly Windle, who can be expected to know her job, but the same is true of PENCELLED IN, from a yard more then capable of winning this sort of race with a newcomer, He is by the French and Irish Derby winner, Old Vic and is John Reid's only ride here today. Another unraced colt to consider is Sadder's Realian, religious of a number of winners including Opera Lover, a Sily who won over this trip as a two-year-old for Michael Stoute last year. That was her second start, though, and the stable's youngsters seem to be needing their first no just now. John Dursop has the trainer's championatip seem up but a double at Lingsleid on Monday suggests the stable can be followed right until the end of the season and Flocheck should fand this easier then the Neumarket

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1.30 SPOTLIGHT MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,250 2m 8f 110yds

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ALLENS CARAMANS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 4f

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1154S-R SPECIAL ACCOUNT (12) (5) C Bennell 9 10 11 G Bradley 51P13-2 ROMANT CREST (21) G Bridge 5 10 7 — A P MicRoy P41112 MARIC RICOMS (22) (8F) J Lifewaren 9 10 5 — L Wyer /J413-5 AGRA (14) M Pipe 7 10 0 — D D D D D D D

3.00 ARCHIE SCOTT BENEVOLENT FUND HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 6f 110vds 411446 MORSTOCK (225) R Hodges 5 11 10 T Decem 113-U30 BLASKET HERO (26) (D) Mrs S Williams 7 11 2 ... 3 PF1353- ROYAL PIPER (197) (D) Max J Rentice-Basons 8 11 2

PANERCALE (215) N Twiston-Disses 6 10 13 _C Lie NASTER OF THE ROCK (17) J Marker 6 10 10 ____ 144P22- SILVER STANDARD (192) T Forster 5 10 10 S Wys 24/01-44 TREPPIANO (193) Mis J Ceol 5 10 10 T N dspock 11 10 9 G Bras

Afficient weight: 10st. Two handlop weight: Whit 9st 7fb. SETTIBLE 9-2 Temperate, 5-1. Short Standard, Royal Piper, 7-1 Mor-stock, 9-1. Master of The Stack, Trippiano, 12-1 others.

3.30 MERCURY TAVERNS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £7,000 added 2m 1f 1,10yds

633P-P YOUNG POWEY (20) O Snerwood 1.0 12 0 ... J A McCartin 114P64 BELSTONE FOX (155) (CO) D Nicholson 10 11 11 _ 122-641. TIME WON'T WAIT (12) (CD) R Philips 6 10 13 J Rule 4 PF165/1- PRORT STREET (245) \$ Sherwood 8 10 8.... C Linealing ETTD18: 5-4 Time Worlt Walt, 3-1 Young Pokey, 7-2 Belsto

4.00 SPOTLIGHT ADVERTISING MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,250

added 2m 6f 110yds P RUBY ESTATE (75) A James 4 10 11.....

4	.30	COWIE INTERLEASING NOVICE HAND- ICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 2m 110yds
1	43425-1	PRESTON GUILD (12) (CD) Simon Earle 5 12 0
		Mr J Calloty (7)

P32- HARFARM SAM (215) Andrew Turnel 5 11 11 .1 Harvey Q/0402- MARKHA'S DAUGHEER (187) Capt T Foster 6 11 10 5POB1 - DARK NECHTINGALE (159) C Snewcood 5 10 12.

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m weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Export Mondial & Lorcan p 55: 120: BETTINE: 9-2 Hovellen Sam, 6-1 Pleasure Trick, 6-1 Teasyesteligh Marthe's Deughter, 7-1 Dark Wightingsle, 8-1 Preston Guild, 10-1 Aut ator's Dream, 12-1 others.

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1.10 Palace River 1.40 Adrien 2.10 Vai De Rama 2.40 Amber Holly 3.10 Glynn Brae 3.40 Iffeee 4.10 Magslad GOING: Good to firm (Firm in places).

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LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: lifee (3.40) has been ser 291 miles by P Bowen from Hawarfordwest, Dyfed; Elown A Fuse (2.40) and Go Again (3.10) has been sent 206 miles by J R Upson from Adstone, Northants.

1.10 STONEGRAVE SELLING HCAP HURDLE (CLASS G) 52,400 added 2m 1f 110)ds

53-4423 CHADID LAD (19) F Storey 8 11 8 _____ B Storey 0:05-054 ICMSSPEL (17) (20) W Storey 4 11 6... Supple (2) 64-5824 SUAS FEL (5) (20) T Combet 10 11 4.-Carol Cathleri 550:55-2 PALACE RIVER (19) D Model 7 11 3... D.1 Moffet P46-475 PRESENTE CHINE (12) B Macrograft 12 11 2.6 Line (5)
PP97-24P RACAZZO (RE) (40) J Warranght 5 11 1... La Dobbin
431305 CARDEA CASTLE (17) (C) | Peck 7 11 0...... N Smith
PP J C GREY (20) Denje Smith 3 10 11....... P Nima

10 PO-5260 HARD TO GET (7) (D) M Barraciough 8 10 1... BETTING: 5-2 Stags Fell, 4-1 Paince River, 9-2 Candid Led, 5-1 Procure Game, 7-1 Minamanies, 10-1 Jeannes, 12-1 others

1.40 QUARRINGTON H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3m 3f 110yds
1 500661 ADREN (FR) (6) Ms 8 Bornel 7 12 5 (7e) 2 0F60-23 AMDROS GALE (FRE) (20) J Howard Johnson 6 11 3.

- 4 declared -BETTING: 4-6 Addes. 3-1 Andres Gale. 5-1 Classic Statement. 7-

2.10 ROWENA COLEMAN H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m 5f 110yds 1651P-1 VML DE RMAN (65) (20) Denys Smith 6 12 O JP Mices 27213(4- DEEP DMAN (234) S Clark 12 11 13 Lilies R Clark (7) 361-241 SOUSSON (610) (127) (273) Whate 7 11 5 LD Riyas (7) 0289(9-5 ABLE PLAYER (27) Max 3 Barnal 8 11 4 LL - Barlos 00-3226 BLOOMING SPRING (12) Max D Thomson 6 10 1 143215 GREEN'S SEACO (USA) (6) (SF) JA Hams 7 10 0 ... 7 OGOG-4R GOLDEN REVERIE (USA) (S) B Macadant 7 10 0...

B Storey

-7 declared
BETTING: 7-4 Vet de Rama, 8-4 Souson, 5-1 Able Player, 8-1.
Green's Seago, 20-1 Blooming Spring, 24-1 Deep Dearn, 16-1.
Gelden Reverie.

2.40 EBF NR NOVICES HURDLE (QUAL) (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m ff 110yds 1 20435-4 CHIPTOSAURUS (12) D Alder 6 11 0 A Thornton

5 054-452 AMBER HOLLY (19) J Dwon 6 10 9 _____ B Store BETTING: 5-4 Ambor Holly, 7-4 Comptosaurus, 4-1 Old Ale, 12-1 Disset's Folly, 14-1 Blown A Fess.

3.10 JAYNE THOMPSON NOVICES CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 5f P5 GO ABAIN (FRE) (722) John R Upson 6 11 0_ OF44FP- MELPE THE CELT (187) Mis D Thomson 8 11 0.

SUPERVISION (36) R McKelby 7 11 0 ... & Cable (7) CLYNN BRAE (RE) D Danes 5 10 12 ... Mr J Johns SETTING: 7-4 Go Again, 2-1 Clyns Brae, 9-4 Kelple The Celt, 6-

3.40 NIGHT NURSE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m 3f

336422- BOW HANDY MAN (153) (C) J Gledson 13 11 9_ 3PSR-31 IFFEEE (17) (CD) P Bosen 8 11 5 July R Johnson

BETTRAC 2-1 Clares Own, 11-4 Hose, 4-1 Prince Yazz, 5-1 Box ady Man, 8-1 Upwell, 10-1 Coup de Ca

4.10 BONUSPRINT NH FLAT (CLASS H) £2,150 2m If 110yds 0-11 MAGSLAD (S) JONES 5 12 0.....

CONDINANCE Manys Ware 5 11 4 ____ Shr S Swiers
ONE MORE SILL (17) J Vade 5 11 4 ____ D Ryan (7)
QUESISMEND RILLE (19) J Paries 5 10 13 _____ R McCartly (7) - 4 declared -BETTING: 1-4 Magsled, 5-1 Ose More Bill, 8-1 Conditione, 18-1

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185 F 10-11 few Little Noggins (4th), 4, hd, (D Arbuthnot, Compton), Tota: £5.10; £2.50, £2.50. Dual Forecast: £12.20. Computer Strengt: Forecast: £14.85.

200: 1. SASEEDO (Emma O'Gorman) 2-1 fer; 2. Notifieb 14-1; 3. Bourden Rose 5-2. 8 ren. 2. stt.-hd. (W O'Gorman, Newmarkst). Tota: £2.30; £1.50, £2.50. Dual Forecast: £8.20. CSF: £19.97.

2.95: 1. MARKERD (R Hals) 8-1; 2. Magnetic 18.20. CSF: £19.97.

ZISC L MARKEU IR 1855 B-1; Z. Mo-diavi Lady 12-1; S. Royal Carnestin 4-1. 10 ran. 4-6 fer Bollodur (4th), nk, 4c, (4 Thomson Jones, Newmarker). Total £5.90; £2.00, £1.80, £1.50, Dust Forecast: £27.80. CSC 404-80. 2310: 1. NASHBAT U Stack) 3-1; 2. Spenoer's Recently 7-4 for; 3. Berge 6-1. 24 ma. 2, 5; N. Walker, Kingston Liste). Total 14:00; £1:90, £1:40, £2:60. Dual Forecast: £5:00. CSF £8:70. This £5:10. 4.48: 1. SRISHT WATER (Pot Eddey) 7-4 fac: 2. Aethra 20-1; 3. Introducing 11-4.13 ma. nb. 4. (H Obel, Neumanieri, Toba 22.60: £1.60, £3.70, £1.20, Dr. £35.70,

SF: £35.83. Tho: £47.10. After a stewards' riquity, the result 50000. 4.15: 1 AHLRY RA RODERS) 9-2: 2 ASP-12-1: 2. Hickory State 9.1. 12 ran. 4-1 Decay Seasel (5th). 17., 3. (0 Wilson, om). Dec 67.10: £1.90. £2.80. £2.70. I Forest: £22.00. CSF: £57.14. Toc-£444.49. Tito: £143.60. Non Rutt

Jacksot: £15,941.00. pet: £251.50. Quadpot: £56.40. Place & £101.13. Place 5: £45.52. CHELTENHAM L15; 1. MORECASHAN (A Magaire) 9-4 2. Compache Bay 20-1; 3. Star of David Holy Joe 10-1; 3. Same Difference 100-30. 6 ran. 9-4 fev Sticky Money (5th). 3, 2. (Mrs J Pirman, Upper Lamboum). Their £4.90; 52.20, £2.70. DF: £21.70. CSP: £31.47.

RACING RESULTS

1.45; 1. K C'S DANCER (M' R Thon

3-1 Jt fav; 2. Bowl of Outs 3-1 Jt fav; 3. Green Walk 7-2. 9 ran. hd, 10. (R Dickin,

Name of Table 53.70; £1.70, £1.70, £1.20.

DF: £7.60, CSP: £11.81. Tricast: £28.88.

2.20; 1. SMITH TOO (W Marston) 7-2; 2.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bint Zamayem (Nottingham, 2.20) NB: Lay The Blame

2.55: 1. DEXTRA DOVE (C Moude) 9-4; 2. Mise's An Ace 5-1. 3 ran. 4-8 Sv Wise Approach (fell). 25. (Simon Barle, Sturmin-ster Newton), Totac 53.00. Duel Forecast ster Newton). Total E3.00. Dual Follows £3.30. CSF: £8.58. Only 2 finished. Non Run

(Nottigham, 1.50)

ner: icarus. 3.30: 1. MULTY (R Dunwoody) 10-11 far. 2. Royal Expression 2-1; 3. Rink A Million 2. Royal Expression 2-1; 3. Rink A Manor 25-1, 5 ran. 1¼, 20. (C Marri, Lamboum). Rote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.50. Dual Forecast: 11.80. CSF: £3.03. 4.05: 1. STORM FALCON (Chris Webb) 6-4.00: 1. STORON FRANCIS (LIES WEED) 0-4 fac; 2. Bertone 4-1; 3. Norsen Reider 13-8. 4 ram. 14e, 5. (5 Mellor, Swindon). Totac £2.10. Dual Forecast: £3.00. Computer Suragra Forecast: £7.15.

A.SC: 1. WILDE MUSIC (7 J Marphy) 9-4.3C: 1. WILDE MUSIC (7 J Marphy) 9-4.3C: 1. Vill.DE MUSIC (7 J Marphy)

11-2. 12 ran. 2, hd. (A. Jarvis, Dichor). Note: 11-1. 8 ran. nk, 7. (C Brooks, Lambourn). 52-20; £1-90, £7.00, £1.50. Dual Forecast: Total: £2.50; £1.20, £1.40, £1.60. DF: 52.07. Tota: £2.90; £1.20, £1.40, £1.60. DF. £2.40, CSP. £5.31. Placepot: £127.60, Quadoot: £68.50. Place & £100.75. Place 5: £49.74. FONTWELL

1.35: 1. LORD GLENVARA (A P McOp) 11-4 ta; 2. Delitin 7-2; 3. Springtime Af-tals 5-1. 8 ran. 8, 15. (T McGovern). Tota: 53.00; 61.10, 61.90, 61.70. Dust Forecast: 55.70. Computer Straight Forecast: 611.50. Therest: 58.14. £ £38.14. 2.10: 1. COLUMCHLE (Mr P Heriey) 7-4 fer; 2. Fettaccine 33-1; 3. Capabe 9-1. 6 ran. 1, 7. (R Ainer). Totac £2.50; £1.40, £4.10. Dual Forecast: £18.60. CSF: £32.58. 2.48: 1. BURES (D Gallegher) 11-4; 2. ky Edith 5-2; 3. Expett de Fernan 12-1. 5 cm.

6-4 few Stapheford Ledy (4th), 5, 6, (M Tomp-idne), Total £3.90; £1.70, £1.80, DF; £3.90, CSF: £9.45. 3.20; 1. CYRILL HENRY (8 Powel) 10-1; 2. Emerald Moon 8-1; 2. Rayman 2-1. 7 ran. 12, dat. (Simon Earle). Tota: £12.40; £2.80, £3.80. DP. £29.50. CSP: £72.43. 3,55: 1. ZAJIRA (Mr R Johnson) 7-4 fer; Time Prenath 5-1: 3. Reinhour Costle S. 2. Time Enough 5-1; 3. Rainbow Castle 9-4. 8 ps. 2, 13. (P Ecoles). Tele: £2.40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.30. DP: £8.70. CSP: £10.32. Tricast: £17.60.

4.26; 1. CLASH OF CYMBALS (W Mc-Fartand) 5-2; 2. The Reprobate 4-7 for; 3. My Books Are Best 20-1. 6 ran. a detence, 25. (I S Moore). Tota: £4.40; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £1.90, CSF: £4.85. Blushe Star (9-2) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 spolles only to board prices prior to withdrawal; deduction 15p in pound. Placepot: £151.90. Quadrot: £138.30 (part won, pool of £93.50 carried forward to

Boxing administration is called into question after fatalities, but if the sport is to survive fighters will have to bear greater responsibility

A worrying implication of new safety measures introduced by the British Boxing Board of Control yes-terday is that many professional fighters choose foolisty to ignore the

perils of dehydration. The Board's decision to call for random appearances on the scales springs from the knowledge that, despite repeated warnings, boxers world-wide continue to take alarming risks with the potentially dread-ful effects of dramatic weight loss when preparing for championship

That most tragedies occur in the lighter divisions may be explained partly by the effort of staying beneath natural weight in order to secure championship opportunities.

Significant in this respect is that historically of men barely being able to stand up on the scales, it is inexwhile the results of heavy blows to the head are evident in Muhammad Ali's sad condition, and Joe Louis. died miserably before his time, more than 30 years have elapsed since a heavyweight lost his life as the result of injuries received in the

When fatalities happen, boxing administration is inevitably called into question, but if the sport is to survive into the next millenium fighters will have to bear greater responsibility. "They need to be more honest with themselves," Henry Cooper, the former heavyweight champion, said on television this

As there are plenty of examples

cusable when fighters today abuse the advantage of weighing in at least 24 hours before a title contest which from now on will be mandatory throughout British boxing.

Announced at a pound inside the uper-middle limit of 12st for a title contest against Roy Jones in Las Vegas earlier this year, James Toney agreed to be weighed again by Marc Ratner of the Nevada State Athletic Commission shortly be-fore entering the ring. Heavier by 19lb, he had not regained the strength lost in reaching the stipulated limit and was easily beaten. The Board are to be commend-



priority issue but little confidence can be held in the tentative proposal to call off championship bouts unless both contestants achieve stipulated weight targets during ed for making dehydration a preparation.

even the threat of a fight not tak-risk of losing their licence. ing place would be unacceptable to the television networks who fund the sport, and interfere seriously with the world title prospects of British boxers other than those at work in the

heavyweight division. When the Board's general secretary, John Morris, said yesterday: There is a great deal to be considered, but I think that it (a report drawn up by an independent panel of neurosurgeons) will make sense to anyone who is prepared to look to the future of our sport," he may have been thinking internationally.

This applies probably to the sophisticated Magnetic Resonance Imaging brain scans all British

It may be thought that the Board have not gone far enough in addressing the perils inherent in a sport that has come under fresh attacks since the death of James Murray two weeks ago in Glasgow, but there is always the problem of legality. Preventing a boxer from going to the ring on the grounds that he is not sound medically is not as simple as

However, recommendations that will be put to licence holders at the Board's next annual general meeting are at least a step in the right di-

it may sound.

A big problem for the sport's administrators generally is that they are

An immediate conclusion is that boxers will be required to take at the always coming up against market forces and that extravagant television presentation persuades viewers to suppose that they are watching just another form of cartoon vio-

Boxing is nothing of the sort, as a colleague once realised when first watching the sport live. "I didn't realise just how hard professional fighters hit," he said. The terrifying impact is lost on television."

It is in that context that profes-sional boxing considers nervously the understanding that there are sure to be further tragedies. No matter how much is done to ensure that fighters get the best care possible, there does not seem to be a way of protecting them from themselves.

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Diplomacy will be almost as

high a priority as winning games

for the England A team who

leave for a two-month, three

The side, under the man-

ement of John Emburey, is the first England outlit to tour Pakistan since Mike Gatting's infamous Shakoor Rana tour of

Emburey, who was on that

tour, is now 43, and is excited

at the prospect of leading many

of England's emerging stars on

what will undoubtedly be a

tough tour - both on and off the field. "This is a bridge-building

tour for cricket, and not just English cricket," he said.

send a senior team to Pakistan

for another seven or eight years,

but in the shorter term the ex-

periences we have this winter

will not only greatly benefit our young players but also give us valuable information ahead

of the World Cup next spring. "I'm sure there will also be

certain players we will come

across who will be involved in

the World Cup. This A team

squad is full of good players, and

my job is primarily to help

em improve their cricket and to iron out any technical flaws.

But most of all we will be learning. I played a Test match

last summer and I have a very

good rapport with the younger

players. Coaching is something

I'm passionately interested in

and I hope to be coaching at

the players will enjoy themselves

and have a winning tour. I was

very impressed when I visited India last winter to spend some time with Alan Wells' A team.

county level next summer. "There will be discipline both on and off the field, but I hope

We are not scheduled to

Test tour of Pakistan today.

1987 ended in acrimony.

Fulton's outburst provokes inquiry

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The Australia coach. Bob Fulton, has been accused of verbally attacking the World Cup referees' director, Greg Mc-Callum, at last Sunday's semifinal against New Zealand.

Fulton is charged with approaching McCallum in an aggressive manner" after the match went into extra time and telling him: "It's a carve up, and it's a slight on your name.

Australia have now made an official complaint about the handling of the match by the referee, Russell Smith, claiming that he only "refereed one team in the second half".

The Australian camp was furious over the penalty count against them as the Kiwis fought back from 20-6 to 20-all, but McCallum said yesterday: "I have studied the video recording of the match and can see no reason whatsoever for criticism of Russell Smith's general handling of the match.

The heavy penalty count in the second half - 6-1 against Australia – was mainly due to their players holding down opponents at the play-the-ball.

Fulton's behaviour has been referred to the International Board's disciplinary committee, which is likely to meet on Sunday. The tournament di-"It would be a shame to detract from what was a magnificent semi-final and from the final itself, but we cannot let the matter go without investigation."

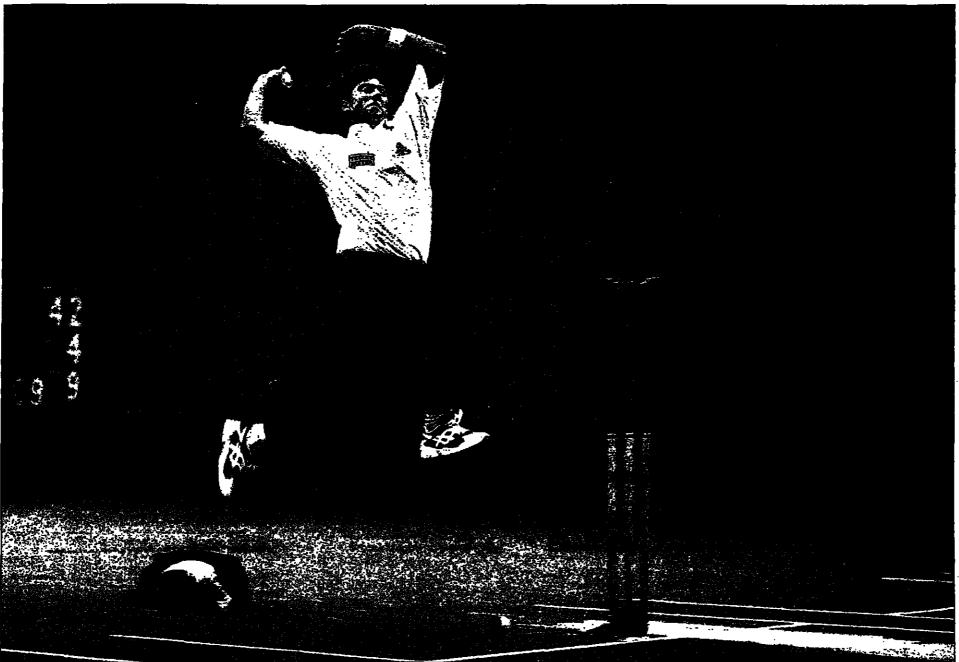
The Australians would not comment yesterday, beyond their manager, Geoff Carr, saying that the coach had his full support. The affair is the latest manifestation of the bad blood. which has gone well beyond nor-mal Anglo-Australian parameters, during the World Cup. Although a truce was declared for the tournament, Fulton's role as linchpin of the Australian Rugby League's resistance to Super League, with which Britain has aligned itself, has never been far from the surface.

The British Amateur Rugby League Association has complained bitterly about the caucellation of its match against the Cook Islands, the winners of the Emerging Nations World Cup.

The game had been planned for Wigan tonight, but the Cook Islands and their final opponents, Ireland, felt that was too soon after their match. Barla's suggestion that the game should be the curtain-raiser at Wembley had been rejected by Lindsay.

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ENGLAND A TOUR: Young Essex man puts his back into his future as next crop of Test cricketers set sail **Emburey**



All-round effort: Ronnie Irani honing his skills in Chelmsford before setting off for Pakistan – "I want to get better and this is what I have to do"

Photograph: Robert Hallam

Irani committed to the work ethic

nnie Irani is engaging-ly hesitant about his ancestry. "My father's ancestors were originally from Persia." he said, breaking off from a session in the indoor cricket school at Chelmsford as he prepared for the forthcoming England A tour to Pakistan and India. "Parsees. The Iranis are Zorastrians... I think. My father was brought up in Bombay. That's about it, really."

He gives an embarrassed laugh before continuing: "My mother is from Bolton." Now he is on surer ground. "My father came over here to play League cricket, met my mother and stayed here. He played for Atherton cricket club. I am born and bred English."

Where Irani is on absolutely firm ground is when he talks about what his aim is: to play Test cricket for England. To that end he left his native Lancashire two years ago to try to make it with Essex. "We had a strong squad, with lots of allrounders in my last year -Wasim Akram, Mike Watkinson, Phillip DeFreitas was still there, Ian Austin, of course, and Jason Gallian was just about to break through. I wanted to push myself as an allrounder, not play as a batsman. I wanted to improve my bowling, but I wasn't getting the op-

portunity." He played a handful of firstclass games for Lancashire in his five years on their books before deciding to move. He had an Essex contact, Graham Saville, who was also the England Under-19 manager. Hearing of Iran's unhappiness, he sug-gested that the youngster pack up and head east. "Essex was the type of county I wanted to play for," Irani said. "A county

that looked to win." He was picked for the opening Championship match in his first season, 1994, hit an unbeaten half-century in the second match and has become a fixture at No 6 since. That first The latest all-rounder to catch the selectors' eve has been busy since the season ended. David Liewellvn reports

season he scored more than 900 runs, last summer he passed 1,000 in the Championship for Irani has taken more than 50

wickets for Essex in those two seasons, but his bowling still needs more work, which was why he was at the indoor school in Chelmsford on a muggy autumn morning. Working with two coaches, a video camera and some soft chalk, he sends down a stream of deliveries before retiring to an office to study, frame by frame, each of those deliveries.

"I'm getting inside the line, there," Irani says at one point, then: "My head is falling away there." A few frames and another delivery later. "But I've kept it straight there." Irani takes his cricket seri-

could just as easily have been putting his feet up after a long hard summer and only stirring himself into belated action when the England A management told him to.

But that is not Irani's style. He celebrates his 24th birthday today as he flies out to Pakistan, and for someone so young displays a senior's sense of responsibility in his preparations.

"It's boring stuff, really, what I am doing today," he explains, "but I want to get better and this is what I have to do - and it's no good me running up against problems with my bowling once we are out there, they have to be sorted out now.

"England A is important to ously. He wants to succeed. He

have to wait to see what hap-

Except that sitting around and waiting for something to happen is just not Irani. That is why he left Old Trafford. "I don't think I would have been called up to England A if I had still been with Lancashire. I think I would probably have just been breaking in to the first XI. I might even have been a second teamer still. That's what I was with them two years ago. Plenty of ambition but nowhere to go. I might have gone stale

and chucked it all in.' Had he done that, though, he would not have had a mention on television. "A little while ago, I heard the likes of Ian Botham and Bob Willis saying: 'Irani should go to South Africa'. It made me realise that I must be good enough, to be in consideration for a tour place.

me. It is a stepping stone to greater things. Hopefully, there will be the chance of England

"I didn't ever actually think I would get picked for the senior tour, but the A tour sud-

honours coming up soon. I just denly seemed a possibility. I'll be working hard out there. If it doesn't go my way..." he trails off into a verbal shrug.

Those we can establish the same positive approach this time."

There is a lot at stake, notably a place in England's World Cup squad. Irani could easily hit his way into the lineup. He is an awesome striker of the ball as a 47-ball century in the Sunday League match against Gloucestershire last July proved - but he also ended up with 24 wickets in the 40over competition. He has much

"The further you get in this game, the harder you have to work to stay there," he says. "I am going on this tour to learn. I am going out there to improve my cricket and I will be going out there with pride.

"It's going to be exciting. Hopefully we will come out winners, that's the main thing." He may be a touch hazy about his past, but there is certainly no doubt that he is putting his back into his future

Salim Malik, the former

Pakistan Test captain, has been cleared of bribery charges by a former Pakistani Supreme Court judge, Fakhruddin Ebrahim, who was asked by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to investigate allegations of bribery made by Australian players, said: "I believe 100 per cent that Malik is innocent."

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Two Scots prepare to make every penny count

TIM GLOVER reports from Sotogrande

Sam Torrance and Colin Montcomerie were team-mates in the Ryder Cup and the Alfred Dunhill Cup, but this week the cheques and the champagne will not be taken in communion. A marathon duel that began in the desert in Dubai last January reaches its climax in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama here.

Torrance leads the European Tour's Order of Merit with £630,481.28 to Montgomerie's £626,651.40, and whoever finishes top of the money list on Sunday will receive an additional £125,000. The bonus pool amounts to £500,000 and the event's prize money is £750,000.

Torrance and Montgomerie are clear of all but Bernhard Montgomerie were going the

sible for the German thoroughbred to unseat the Scottish stayers. Langer, who is £60,307.11 behind Torrance

(the small change could count in the final analysis), won the Volvo Masters 12 months ago, but Monty, who finished fourth, won the Order of Merit for the second year running. Torrance has never won the marathon, although he was pipped to the post by Langer in 1984.

The 42-year-old Torrance will celebrate his 25th year as a European Tour player in style if he finishes in front of Monty here and Langer is not in the top two. However, the Scots are showing signs of wear and tear, having taken part in a longer, more concerted campaign than Langer. While Torrance and

last week, Langer was restricting himself to a gentle match against teaching professionals in Munich. "Of course I won," Langer said. "If I hadn't, I shouldn't be playing."

Torrance, meanwhile, is on antibiotics to cure a chest infection and is off alcohol. As he thoroughly enjoys a pint and a roll-up, this could be a handicap for Sam. "I don't think there can be any more pressure on me this week than I had at the Ryder Cup," Torrance said, "and if I was able to handle that, I can

handle this week as well." As for Montgomerie, he has been suffering from a sprained left wrist and on Monday be consulted a specialist. "He told me to rest," Monty said. "If there was a danger of any permanent damage, I wouldn't be here." The rise and rise of Big

Monty in the merit table since tiz Patino, Valderrama's owner, 1988 is: 52nd, 25th, 14th, 4th, has done to the 17th hole. The 3rd, 1st, 1st. He pointed out that he has won more money than at this stage last year. "It just so happens that Sam Torrance has done particularly well," Monty said. Note the more formal tone. Last week at St Andrews. it was Sam this, Sam that, no mention of a surname. "It doesn't matter if it was Joe

Bloggs," Montgomerie said.
"I'd like to beat him." As it happens, the three principal contenders go out in sequence at lunchtime today: Torrance, followed by Montgomerie, followed by Langer. "And they call it a draw?" Monty asked. He did not object. "If the wind gets up and the greens get spiky, it'll be the same for all three of us. That's quite fair." What he does not consider

fair, however, is what Jaime Or-

has done to the 17th hole. The been reshaped and the slope of the green changed. "They're try-ing to copy the 15th at Augusta," Montgomerie said. "I don't know why we should be penalised for hitting the ball a long way. The rough spoils the whole thing and the green is far too hard. They've altered it so many times they should have had it right by now."

Last year, Seve Ballesteros was employed to change the 17th, which is a par five with a lake in front of the green. Miguel Angel Jimenez got an albatross two there, but since then Patino has made further changes. Montgomerie - and he is not alone - thinks the character of the hole has been ruined and it is now virtually impossible to get the ball anywhere near the flag in two. ing with his alarm clock.

spectacular shots," Monty said. The criticism of the 17th will be greeted with shock-horror by Patino, not least for the fact that his masterpiece is, of course, the venue for the 1997 Ryder Cup. Valderrama (considered numero uno for mainland Europe) has been promoted from 86th to 51st in the world rankings, and Pati-no was confident of further in-

provement on the basis of

changes made to the 17th. Meanwhile, the course promises to be as unrelenting as ever. The field is restricted to the leading 54 in the merit table and yesterday in the pro-am, 11 of them, including Torrance, failed to return a score. At least they went out. Philip Walton, one of the Ryder Cup heroes, was fined £500 for a no-show. The Irishman had a misunderstand-

Sports letters

Flouting the law ...

From Mr R Phillips Sir, Further to Steve Bale's Wasps-Bath encounter illustrating the negative blight that is still apparent in our game, I would like to question further the complete lack of control of the offside law by officials. The persistent flouting of that law in ruck, maul and lineout is sti-fling the game, while at the same time an expansive and adventurous approach in the

southern hemisphere is funding the new professional era. Yours sincerel ROBERT PHILLIPS Redland, Avon

.. or misapplying it?

Sir, I read with interest a letter from A Leslie (19 October) re-reasons of space.

garding the *Independent*'s coverage of the jailing of Duncan Ferguson. Following Ferguson's imprisonment, where is outside interference in sport going to Commentary on last Saturday's end? Sporting authorities should be allowed to apply their own punishments for misconduct involving participants in the sport.

In my view Ferguson, a hero to Everton fans of all ages, has been made an example of by the Scottish authorities in an appalling display of interference and inconsistency. Ferguson was not even booked by the referee for his "offence".

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN COTTAM

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Life has not quite turned into a goldfish bowl for Greg Rused-ski, although the British No 1 was less than happy playing in a "bubble" at one of the world's richest tournaments yesterday. The Centre Court at the Eurocard Open here is an arena with a 6,700 capacity. The

some but almost transparent marquee next door with seats for 600 spectators. After sampling both, Rusedski wondered if the event had moved overnight.

It was difficult enough for Rusedski to be facing Marc Rosset, a 10th seeded opponent with a similar serve-volley style - "I saw a mirror image of myself, except with a harder serve" - without having to chase "shadows" as the sunlight came and went. The silhouette of a tree intermittently

Rusedski, who was defeated you're playing indoors or out. Todd Martin was quite livid af-ter losing his match." Martin was 6-4, 6-4 in the second-round match and will now turn his attention towards his debut at the defeated by Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, 6-3, 6-4. Watching Rusedski was War-National Championships at Telford next week, did not overlook the point that the Swiss Olympic champion was the better man on the day. "I just think

it's wrong that at a two-million-

dollar event conditions on the

two courts are completely dif-ferent," he said. "The light

changes so much in the bubble

that you're not sure whether

ren Jacques, the former British Davis Cup captain, who has taken over as his coach for the re-

mainder of the year in the absence of the American, Scott Brooke, who is unable to travel. Rosset had no complaints about the "bubble". He was sim-

ply pleased to have served and

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returned so well after recovering from a wrist injury.

Andre Agassi, playing on the

Centre Court, was encouraged by his form in his first contest since damaging a chest muscle during the Davis Cup semi-final final between the United States and Sweden five weeks ago. The world No 1 defeated Jacco Eltingh, 6-2, 6-4.

Pete Sampras, who hopes to regain No 1 status before the end of the year, advanced to the third round, 6-3, 6-2, at the expense of Stefan Edberg, whose decline has taken him below the top 20. "I've had the best days of my career, there's no doubt about it," Edberg said after completing the 1001st match of it.

Michael Chang, who arrived from China after winning the Peking title, seemed disorientated during his opening match against Daniel Vacek, a Czech qualifier, who defeated the fifth seed, 6-2, 7-6. Goran Ivanisevic, the sixth seed, lost to Germany's Martin Sinner, 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.

The top 20 players, with the exception of the injured Michael Stich, began the tournament, which has achieved Super Nine status on the ATP Tour by switching from February to October.

So this is the second Eurocard Open of the year, offering a total of \$4.09m (£3.2m) in prize money (\$2.25m in February, \$1.84m this week). The event, usually held in Stuttgart, has made the one-off detour to Essen because that venue was booked for show jumping.

Neath **exorcise** demons of Fiii

Rugby Union STEVE BALE Neath

Gareth Llewellyn proved a point to the Welsh selectors who have ignored him; Neath proved a point to a far wider public. Yesterday's invigorating game at The Gnoll was all any one - except the luckless Fijians - could have hoped.

Even if Fiji are not the equivalent of Springboks or All Blacks, many of them are playing in New Zealand or Australia and, with the exception of an obscure 1971 defeat of West Germany, this was Neath's first victory over any touring side and so worthy of celebration.

The tourists saw a 17-3 advantage evaporate as Neath came storming through to win with more to spare than they dared hope when events were going against them in the first half. The exorcising of past demons was a useful by-product, though last season's violent South Africa match would have been all but forgotten but for the club's insistence on keeping the issue alive.

Before yesterday's game the Welsh Rugby Union published a statement exonerating everyone of everything that occurred on that dark November night a conclusion they had apparently reached about nine months ago but that Neath insisted be made public now.

Which was somewhat beside the point while the Fijians were trying to weave their magic. One or two members of their pack may be ponderous and their ball-winning may lack conviction but in broken play they are a de-light, backs and forwards handling with a facility that makes British players look cack-hand-

ed by comparison. The 55-yard run by Leveni Vatureba – a lock-forward, mind you - which produced Fiji's third try was the most obvious example, but the close combinations that had created the previous tries by Jonetani Waqa and Manasa Bari equally exemplified the Fijian rugby of legend and tradition.

To this Neath had their own answer. They qualified for this fixture by finishing fourth in the Welsh First Division last season and lie sixth with more than a quarter of this campaign gone. But this is a changed team made up largely of likely new-comers - a bit like Wales, really - and on this evidence they have a considerable future. This optimistic assessment is

based not simply on the rousing, sensibly varied and highly mobile rugby they played, vaguely Fijian in fact, but on their indomitability when things were going badly against them. The threequarters were responsible for the tries by John Funnell, the impressive Leigh Davies and the winner by Chris Higgs, with the pack providing a contrast by driving hard to set

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Johnny Herbert's chances of joining the team who took Jackie Stewart to two world titles could be scuppered not by his proven ability, but by dint of his very Englishness.
The Warwickshire-based dri-

ver has been linked with a possible move to Tyrrell-Yamaha next season following his dropping by Benetton-Ford. Switching to the home of a former champion -Stewart won two of his three titles at Tyrrell - after being dropped by the current champion Michael Schumacher's team, would be a consolation prize, despite the Woking team's lack of competitiveness this season.

However. Herbert's hopes as far as Tyrrell are concerned - he is also being mentioned for the vacant Sauber-Ford seat could be dashed by engine supplier Yamaha's keenness for a lapanese driver.

The Finn, Mika Salo, has already been retained for next vear - which leaves Herbert only the seat currently occupied by Japan's Ukyo Katayama to aim

for, fid not see any Japan-driver in Pormula One, it would be very sad," said Takaaki Kimura. Yamahas mok leader. "It is also good for the company, our workers and Japanese motor racing."

If he does make the switch, then Herbert, who competed in season, the attention will be on one race for Tyrrell in his debut season, will be powered by one of the lightest engines ever developed for Formula One racing. The company has high hopes that its new V10 engine will help achieve its most successful season since entering this

area of the sport in 1989. next couple of years, the real- year.

points and get on the podium." Herbert is already known in Japan, having competed in the country's Formula 3000 series

in 1990 after his grand prix ca-

reer had been interrupted by a serious racing accident. He is reported to have pitched his salary demands too high, while Katayama, who has had a disappointing season, can bring much-needed spon-

sorship to the team. However, the 31-year-old driver has shown he is capable of winning races. His triumphs at Silverstone and Monza have taken him to fifth place in the championship. Herbert believes his future should be decided after the Japanese Grand Prix, the penultimate race of the season, which takes place on Sunday.

"After Suzuka I should know exactly where I am going," Herbert said. "I want to stay in For-mula One. IndyCar is for the future - it is not something) want to do at the moment. If I do stav in Formula One, it will be with a team who I believe will give me the chance to win races. If I feel the team are not giving the right signals, I won't go there.

"It may be more of a challenge for me being in a secondranked team and trying to put them into the top rank." Meanwhile, the Formula One season nears its close. In

the penultimate race of the on whether Schumacher can equal Nigel Mansell's 1992 feat of nine wins if he takes the chequered flag on Sunday.

The newly crowned world champion could then become the first driver to reach double figures in a season, with another victory in Australia, although "Our target is to win Formula the German has had the ad-One," Kimura said. "But for the vantage of an extra race this



Active service: Pete Sampras powers his way to a straight-sets victory over Stefan Edberg in Essen yesterday

Smith beset by problems after another Rangers failure

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, has pointed the finger at his stand-in players for his side's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final defeat by Aberdeen on Tuesday

In addition, Paul Gascoigne's disciplinary record is proving another headache for Smith, with the £4.3m signing collecting four yellow cards in eight domestic games.

day picking up the pieces after a second failure in a big match in the past week. After their 4-1 Champions' League thrashing in Turin by Juventus last Wednesday, Rangers were then swept aside by Roy Aitken's

team at Hampden. Eoin Jess, rejected by Rangers as a youngster, outshone Gascoigne and set up the first of striker Billy Dodds' two goals with a superb 70-yard run at the Ibrox defence.

champions for the past seven years, who already lead the Premier Division by six points, on Saturday. have not won a domestic cup since October 1993.

Seven of their leading players were missing from the 2-1 defeat with Richard Gough. Brian Laudrup, Charlie Miller. Stuart McCall, Ian Ferguson, David Robertson and Trevor Steven all out injured.

All must now be rated doubt-

The defeat means Smith's Champions' League return at the way we are playing and visit to Raith Rovers to come

> A groin injury cost Gough his ever-present record so far this season and his injury may have been one absence too many for the champions - although Smith refused to use it as an ex-

"We've been disjointed for most of the season," Smith said in reference to the injuries. "I but, despite the absentees, still ful for next Wednesday's think some people are looking fielded £10m of summer sign-

against Juventus, with a league taking comfort in the injuries, but when you have a squad like we do then they should be ca-

> against Aberdeen was capable of far better than they showed.

> Rangers had to give the reserve team coach, John Brown, 33, his first start of the season

ings in Paul Gascoigne, Oleg Salenko, Stephen Wright and Gordan Petric. "We didn't do enough in the

pable of winning games like the semi-final. first hour or more to punish Absemi-final. "The squad we had out Aberdeen scored they were by far the better side and we didn't do nearly enough to win the game.'

Smith will tomorrow face the club's annual general meeting, when a £455,000 profit for the year end to 31 May 1995 will be announced.

Gascoigne's simmering temper is another problem for Smith, with the England mid-fielder edging closer to a sus-pension. The England and former Lazio player has been booked four times in eight domestic games as well as once in two Champions' League ties.

pected to be re-elected as a di-

rector, although he and the

chairman, David Murray, could

face some disgruntled question-

ing at Glasgow's Concert Hall.

India under the weather

India crawled to 54 for the loss of Ajay Jadeja in 168 minutes on a rain-shortened opening day of the second Test against New Zealand. Heavy rain delayed the start and bad light forced an early closure after just 35.3 overs. Manoj Prabhakar batted

throughout after Mohammed Azharuddin had won the toss and elected to bat, remaining unbeaten on 19 from 110 balls. Navjot Sidhu, who replaced Sanjay Manjrekar in the team that won the first Test in three days at Bangalore last week, had scored 18 off 72 deliveries.

Jadeja, who scored 73 in the second innings at Bangalore to set up India's eight-wicket vic-tory, never looked comfortable during his 58 minutes at the crease and he was bowled for three by a full-pitched delivery from Dion Nash. Nash and Chris Cairns bowled economi-

Danny Morrison, though, was creatic, conceding 11 no-balls in his 10 overs. The only two fours of the day came from Sidhu, who twice struck left-arm spinner Mark Haslam to the boundary.

cally on a heinful pitch, with Nash conceding 14 runs in 10.3 overs, while Caims gave away just eight in 11.

McManus makes his mark

ing the Dubai Classic title in October last year, Alan McManus is back in the semi-finals of a ranking competition, the Skoda Grand Prix in Sunderland. For the third match in a row he dropped only one frame, with Northern Ireland's Joe Swail his latest victim. "I didn't feel I was capable of competing for tro-phies until recently," McManus

said after his 5-1 win. "It re-

For the first time since captur-

mains to be seen whether I can win a tournament again, but it makes a big difference to feel I am in with a chance." Swail, appearing in his second

successive ranking quarter-fi-nal, showed his ability with an ex-cellent 104 to open his account in the final frame before the midsession interval. However, Mc-Manus took over after the break. He was poised to overtake Jimmy White's 105 as the highest televised break, but missed the final blue after reaching 98.

Perkins to make Games drug protest

Kieren Perkins, the Australian long-distance swimmer and Olympic 1500m freestyle champion, is ready to stage a personal protest against drugs in sport during the swimming medal ceremonies at next year's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

"The governing bodies don't seem to want to do anything and I think it's getting to the stage now where we have to take such drastic action," Perkins said. "I would be willing to show my

opposition to steroid use during a medal ceremony if I'm involved in one. Hopefully, it will open up the world's eyes to what is 20ing on," said Perkins, who criticised Fina, the sport's governing body, over its stance on doping.
"It is quite obvious to me that Fina is not prepared to do any-

thing and would prefer to just ig-nore the situation. They simply do not listen to the swimmers. Perkins supports a campaign launched by the Australian Swimming Coaches Association to ban Chinese swimmers from competition unless they are subjected to stricter testing.

SPORTING DIGEST Athletics

liang 80, a 16-year-old coached by Ma Junren, best Junren's former charge, Wang Juncia, the women's world 10,000 merres record holder, over 5,000m in Peking on Tuesday, setting an Asian record of 14min 45,90sec.

WORLD SINES: Cleveland Indians 7 Adams Bayes 6 (11 Innings) (Identa land best-of-ex-en series 2-1).

Following Tuesday's High Court writ is-sued by Lennox Lewis, Frank Warren has stated that Frank Bruno will fight any legal action to stop his meeting with Mike Tyson. The Lewis camp insist their fighter is the rights opponent for Bruno's first World Boxing Council heavyweight, title defence, but Tyson's installation as the WSC's No 1 contender has thrown

the whole Issue into dispute.

Marcelo Dominguez, of Argentina, over-came a brave challenge by Russia's Sergel Kobozey to retain his World Boaring Council cruiserweight title in Levellois-Perret, France. On the same till, Alexander Gurov, of Ukraine, took the European cruiserweight title by stopping the holder, Patrice Acussi of France, in the fifth round. Tommy Morrison, the heavyweight con-tender stopped in the sixth round by Lennox Lewis earlier this month, has been charged with assault for alleged-ty puncting a women in the face and being another woman's finger on 15 Oc-tober near his home in Jay, Oklahoma.

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Nathan Bleke, the Weish international, has escaped a three-match ban following his sending off for Sheffield United at Southernd earlier this morath. The 23-percent defended when year-old forward was dismissed when year-out torward was commissed when a linesman allegedly saw him spitting at the Southand defender Milke Lapper.

Juninho, the midfielder who recently joined Middlesbrough, and inter's left-back, Roberto Carlos, have been included in the Brazil squad for a friendly with Argentina on 8 November. Also named were the defenders, Aldair and Andre Cnz of Roma and Napoli re-spectively, the striker Bebeto and mid-fielder Mauro Silva, both of Deportivo La Coruña, and the full-back, Rodrigo, of Germany's Bayer Leverkusen.
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Rugby Union

Eight countries from the Pacific Rim re-Bight countries from the Pacific Rhm re-gion want to stage an annual inferme-tional tournament along the Rines of the Five Nations' Championship. The pro-posed Pan Pacific Series, which it is hoped will start next April, would involve Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa, the Unit-ed States, Carreda, Argentina, Japan and Hong Kong. Hong Kong. A number of South African players are

considering switching to rugby league and joining Rupert Murrioch's breakeway Super League in Australia, according to the former Springbok centre, Pieter Muller. "There are still a few guys weigh-ing things up." he seed in ing things up," he said in a newspaper interview, "but I think there will be 10 by the end of the year."

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The number of days that Hull City FC have been given to pay a debt of £252,770 to the inland Revenue by the High Court. The club, who avoided a winding up order yesterday, hope to raise the money by

selling players.

Cavalier England struggle in the heat of battle



JAMES ALEXANDER reports from Springs

A match under the floodlights of an ugly converted rugby ground could not provide a greater contrast than the opulence of Oppenheimer's place the previous day. The differences did not end there, either. Whereas the opening match of the tour was strictly cucumber sandwiches and jolly japes, this had a real sizzle – and England struggled to stand the heat against Eastern Transvaal.

This is not exactly cause for manic depression just yet, but it was not an auspicious performance by the XI trumpeted

by Raymond Illingworth as the best one-day team from the 16 players on this tour. The bowling was wayward in both line and length, the fielding was sloppy and three catches went to ground. England's batting was cavalier rather than controlled and they paid the penalty.

The final 10 overs arrived with 68 runs needed and Mark Ramprakash remained the only realistic hope of an England vic-tory. None of the other main batsmen had provided the necessary big score and Ramprakash, who has looked in encouragingly fine fettle during the first week, was left to try to see England through the closing overs. He was as stylish as ever, but was badly dropped at

mid-on immediately after pass- attractive and forthright opening fifty and survived a vehement appeal for a catch at the wicket in the next over.

Little could disguise the fact, though, that Eastern Transvaal, spurred on by a blindly partisan crowd and assorted puerile jingles over the tannoy, were more competitive. This was a huge occasion for a team whose standard is above minor county but not quite first-class county. Perhaps the portents were

not good for England when a tyre on their coach burst at 60mph on the journey to Springs, which is 25 miles east of Johannesburg. Easterns' bat-ting was not quite so explosive, but it certainly contained a few fireworks. Wayne Radford, an Hick was dropped by the wick- as the only specialised batsman.

er, reached his fifty by hoisting Richard Illingworth over midwicket for six and went on to 92 until Dominic Cork held a stinging return catch.

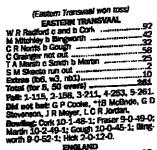
Mark Mitchley, son of the Test umpire Cyril who was standing in this match, was among the other batsmen who contributed usefully. Chad Grainger provided the desired late acceleration with a half-century from 41 balls.

England's target presented a stiff challenge and they attacked it like a runaway roller-coaster. Alec Stewart pulled two boundaries past mid-wicket before falling to a superb, diving catch by the same fielder. Graeme

etkeeper on one and then top-edged two of his next three balls for six over third man and longleg. His assault did not last, though, and Hick skied an attempted pull. Mike Atherton made 33 before going on the charge and missing.

The burly left-arm spinner Corrie Jordan – whose age, 32, is less than double his weight in stones - also accounted for Graham Thorpe as he attempted to work through the leg side. Robin Smith was another batsman who became established but failed to capitalise with a substantial

That was the problem - no-body anchored the chase. Smith's run out left Ramprakash



TA J Stewart c Skeete b G A Hick c and b Meyer G P Thorpe Bw b Jordan R A Smith not out D G Cork not out Feb. 1-11, 2-68, 3-107, 4-119, 5-165 Implices: C Mitchley and B Lambson.

More cricket, page 31

Bergkamp can win title, says Wilson

Football

Dennis Bergkamp's demonstration of his abundant talent left the Barnsley manager, Danny Wilson, predicting he would bring the title to Highbury, but the £7.5m striker is willing to

wait - for a while, Bergkamp's delicacy of touch and outstanding vision were evident again as he inspired Arsenal to their impressive Coca-Cola Cup victory at Oakwell on

It was the Dutchman who was responsible for Arsenal's first two goals in their 3-0 win, rifling home the second from 22 yards, four minutes after Dave Watson had spilled his searing free-kick into Steve Bould's path.

Bergkamp said his rapid adjustment to the English game was vindication of his decision to leave Serie A for the Premiership. "When I came to Arsenal, it was because I thought we could win the League. It was important to me and when you

that's very satisfying," the for-mer Internazionale player said.

"But I agreed a four-year contract and want to win something during the course of those four years - whether it comes in the first year or the fourth is something we'll see. Of course it's very early to make predictions. The only thing we can do at this time in the season is go out and win every game we can.

"But there's no doubt that we've got a lot of real quality through the team. Time will tell, of course, and as I said, it's not desperately important that we do it this year. If it comes, it comes, but we've started well."

Bergkamp's contribution against Barnsley earned the manager's admiration. "I thought before we played them that they would win the championship and what I saw only comented that thought in my mind," Wilson said. They're so very solid and composed at the back and when they get the chance to play football, they do so."

Arsenal have won eight of

their last nine games - sand-São Paulo's Supercup kicks

Any fears that Juninho might which he was duly sent off. His find it difficult to come to terms with the rough and tumble of the referee, and central de-Premiership life at Middles- fender Vanderci, as well as midbrough were put into perspective yesterday by a South American Supercup match, involving his old team-mates, São Paulo, who were playing at

São Paulo took the lead in the ninth minute, but it was the Cruzeiro defender Rogerio who really got things going by kick-ing an opponent in the face, for quired. The result stood.

team-mates rushed to protest to fielders Fabinho and Marcelo were also shown the red card.

At the start of the second half, Cruzeiro's Luis Fernando Gomes limped off injured and the referee was obliged to abandon the match as Cruzeiro, with all three substitutes on, were down to six players - be-

wiching their only defeat of the season so far, at Chelsea - and Wilson said that Bruce Rioch's new-look Gunners, with David Platt soon to return, were frighteningly strong.

"They've always had those solid foundations at the back, but Bruce has added that extra flair to them, and in Bergkamp he's got an extra dimension,

"Bergkamp is just class. As a defender, you're always on your heels against him because you know he pops up every-where, and when he gets the ball he's just so confident in his ability. And he can look after himself as well. Some of our defenders kicked him up the backside, so he left his foot in

"He wanted them to know be was there and that's part and parcel of the game, but it's one of the reasons why they'll finish up on top."

Bergkamp's goal was his sixth of the season, and with fellow striker Ian Wright already having scored 11, the partnership is already looking to provide all that Rioch had hoped for.

Bergkamp said he was enjoying working alongside the man whose England career never blossomed, despite his consistency in the Premiership.

"The good thing about playing with Ian is that when I get the hall. I know I can play the ball into him," Bergkamp said. "I think it's a partnership that's good for both of us. Ian wants to have somebody around him who can feed him and I need somebody in front of me who I can find. It's

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

Shouldering the burden: Fiii's Bolobolo rides high above the Neath pack at The Gnoli vesterday during the Welsh club's 30-22 win Report, page 31. Photograph: Peter Jav

Improvement in medical safeguards welcomed

LIZ SEARL

British boxing yesterday announced a series of safety improvements with the aim of giving boxers greater medical protection and, in particular, reducing the number of fatal injuries suffered

by boxers in British rings. The 12-point plan (see table) was approved by the British Boxing Board of Control before the recent death of James Murray, the Scottish bantamweight. The improvements are based on the recommendations of an independent panel, made up of neurosurgeons, neurologists and neuroradiologists, set up after the death of another British box-

er Bradley Stone 18 months ago. The new rules bring the weigh-in times forward by 24 hours, and give doctors a greater influence on whether a bout should be stopped. The referee, however, will still have the final decision on whether a boxer is fit to continue fighting. John Morris, the board secretary, said the new weigh-in rule had already been implemented

A special medical revision committee is now considering how to implement compulsory magnetic scanning, which will ban boxers who show serious abnormalities such as blocked arteries or clear fluid around the brain. A seasoned fighter whose brain 12-point plan for a safer future

1 The weigh-in for all championship 8 Any boxer knocked unconscious bouts to be at least 24 hours before the fight. The rule will also apply to non-championship bouts, but unc special dispensation the weigh-in can still take place on the day of the fight. In this instance a fighter failing to make the weight will not be given time to reduce his weight.

2 Brain scans to be compulsory for

all boxers annually. 3 Scans to be MRI instead of CT. A panel of doctors to be set up in order to have consistency in Inter-4 Funding to be sought for re

5 Random drug-testing to be stepped up. 6 Post-contest medical checks to be

intened. knocked out or stopped extended from 28 to 45 days. No boxer stopped or knocked out to spar for

shows worrying marks on the scan -compared to earlier scans - will be suspended. In each case an independent panel will examine the boxer's scan, and will have the power to ban a fighter for life, although he will be able to appeal.

Peter Richards, the chairman of the panel, said he hoped a worldwide reduction in the number of rounds would eventually be considered, but the board will look at this option only if a worldwide agreement is reached. Barry McGuigan, the former

world champion who is now the

doctors give the all-clear. president of the Professional Boxers' Association, said: "This is the right way forward. There are a few points that I would like to talk to the BBBC about, but we are going in the right direction."

or who, in the view of the doctor, has

go to hospital. Board can suspend

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either at the venue or at hospital.

9 Ringside medical requirements ap-

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10 Referee to be permitted to con-

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11 Doctors and paramedics at ring-

side to be clearly identifiable, and seat-

ed where they can see clearly and

gain immediate access to the ring.

12 Doctors to enter the ring im-

mediately at the end of all contests

to check both boxers. The ring to be

kept clear of all except specially des-

ignated people, particularly until the

There will be criticism from people who will say we haven't gone far enough," Morris said.
"But in my opinion they have blinkers on. They are not looking at what will happen, and they aren't looking at the rights of the individual."

Ken Jones on the new proposals, page 30

ITV secures European Cup for £20m

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

England's players, who have been battling long and hard with the Rugby Football Union to get a financial deal in place before they take on the well-paid South Africans next month, may have had another money-spinning avenue closed off.

The inaugural European Rug-Cup has sold the broadcasting rights to TTV for £20m over the next three years, with the promise of more cash to come from the tournament's sponsors - expected to be the Welsh League backers, Heineken -

However, it is by no means certain that English clubs, who, like Scotland, were unable to take part this year, but were expected to participate from 1997-98, will do so. The RFU secretary, Tony Hallett, said last night: "We have certainly made no commitment for next year - or to this competition.

"We strongly support the con-cept of English clubs in Europe, but we feel that this competition does not have the high profile and organisation that will gain either the money or the public excitement it deserves. We don't want to pour any cold water on their efforts, because in principle we are with them, but we a European competition, or create one ourselves.

The RFU has had a representative, John Jeavons-Fellows, in on the planning of the competition, which has already had inquiries from five other European countries.

rectors, Vernon Pugh, the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, said the European Cup - which involves clubs from France, Italy, Ireland. Wales and Romania - had virtually killed off any hopes Kerry Packer may have had of starting a rebel club competition. "Each of the other unions has guaranteed that it would not support any other competition,"

Pugh added: "This is a very necessary vehicle for achieving two things: firstly, more fund-ing for clubs; secondly, better competition." Compelling reasons, and although Packer was touting a sum of £50m, there is as yet no guarantee, whereas the ITV deal is secured and, significantly, is unconditional.

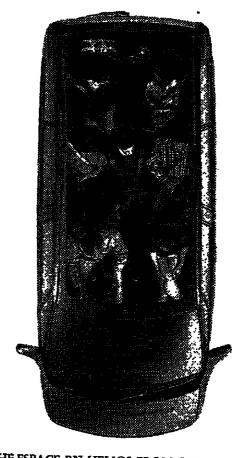
Haliett also hinted that the RFU will not budge over the 120-day registration period which has been hampering, among others, Rob Andrew in his recruitment for Newcastle. Hallett explained: "The 120-day regulation is likely to remain in force for the same reason it was introduced, which was to give people time to settle down and to prevent a huge opening up of the market place before people are ready or geared up to take part in it." The England manager, Jack

Rowell, already without Andrew and the Northampton full-back think the competition could be Ian Hunter (virus), for the better and when it is, we will join South Africa match on 18 November at Twickenham. vesterday dropped five other players from his original party of 35 - Richard West (Gloucester), Andy Gomarsall (Wasps), Tim Stimpson (West Hartle-pool), Jon Sleightholme (Bath) and Rory Jenkins,

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